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WET PAINT DAY



DECORATING THE sidewalk along Broad Street were (foreground) Julian Dech, 9, and his sister Gabrielle, 11, of Sewickley. (Bottom) Artist William Le Tourneau sketches a portrait of his streetside subject.

Photos by Laura Halleman

Art in bloom

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

If you were out and about in Sewickley Village on Saturday, chances are you may have stopped to gaze upon a painter in the midst of creating a vivid rendering of the clock tower of Sewickley United Methodist Church or children expressing their inventive side through a variety of chalk drawings dotting the sidewalk.

These are just a few of the activities that were a part of Wet Paint Day, a festival in the village sponsored by Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The festival attracted the young and old, locals and out of towners and offered a mix of music and art.

Under a brilliant blue sky, artists and passers-by enjoyed music from pianist Stacey Stewart and others while indulging in their creative side.



ROAD WORK

County looked to for repairs on Blackburn

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

With portions of Blackburn Road crumbling, including the stone wall, Sewickley Heights and the borough of Sewickley are eager to have Allegheny County repair the road.

Sewickley Heights is also in the midst of an effort to have Blackburn Road designated a state historic byway.

"We want the county to make the road stable, but also we would like to make it a historic byway as well," said William Rohe, Sewickley Heights borough manager.

Anyone who has traveled the windy, tree-lined curves of Blackburn Road could not help but notice the intricate stone wall that weaves its way along the roadway. The stone wall is one of the reasons that some Sewickley Heights residents believe the road should be a designated historic byway.

Although Sewickley Heights borough did not come into being until 1935, the stone wall along Blackburn Road was built in the early 1920s.

According to documents from the Sewickley Valley Historical Society, the Challis Firm, owned by D.W. Challis & Sons, was hired by Mrs. Henry M. Rea to construct the stone wall on Blackburn Road.

Mrs. Rea was the only child of Henry W. Oliver, who had bought property in the late 1800s near the road and in 1902 "Farmhill," her home, a 98-room mansion was built.

At the time Mrs. Rea planned for the stone wall to be built, the county was contem-

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Help wanted

Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce is making plans for this year's Yuletide in the Village celebration.

Decorated store windows, entertainment and family activities all contribute to the suc-

cess of this event. But nothing happens without the financial contributions and team efforts of many individuals and businesses.

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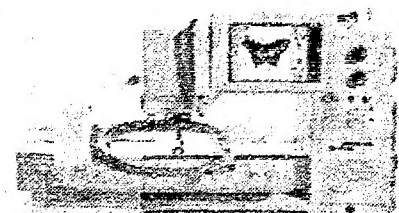
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ROAD WORK

Borough seeks historic designation

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plating constructing Blackburn Road into more of a straight link into Sewickley.

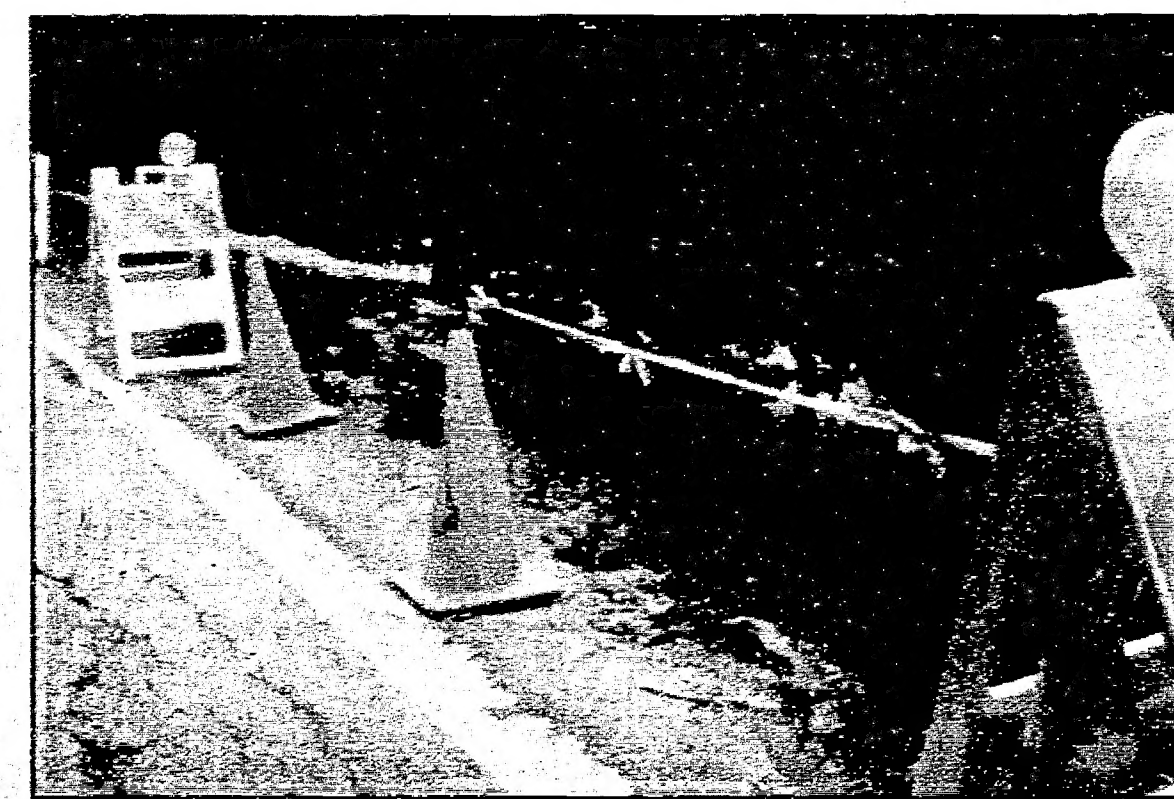
Mrs. Rea, however, was against their plans, stating: "No, that's my property and I'm going to do what I please. I'm going to build a wall."

Putting her Farmhill estate manager Alexander Davidson, in charge of supervision of the wall, she paid D.W. Challis \$10,000 for the project.

The stone for the wall was brought up and down the hills with horses and wagons. Stonemasons cut the stone and built one mile of wall per year until its completion.

Blackburn Road is also considered historic in that it is thought to follow the route of a Native American trail known as the "Kittanning Path."

Both Sewickley Heights and Sewickley borough are waiting to see when the county will



A PORTION of Blackburn Road has deteriorated making for careful driving into Sewickley.

make repairs to Blackburn Road.

As for designating it a historic byway, Donald Kipke, Sewickley council president, said that although he supports

the idea, he doesn't want to do anything to endanger the timely repair of the road.

"I couldn't support this, however, if it is not a timely process."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board changes at Sewickley Historical Society

The Annual Meeting of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society was held May 25, 2005, at the Old Sewickley Post Office.

Election of new officers and directors for the coming year resulted in the following: Joseph Zemba, president; Harton Semple, first vice president; Milana Bizic, second vice president; L. John Kroeck, third vice president; Charlotte Bober, secretary; and Joseph Goff, treasurer.

New directors elected to the

Board include George H. Craig, Cynthia Giles and Susan Kretzler-Falcone.

Returning to the board are William Carson, Anthony Cicco, W. Brewster Cockrell, Agnes Pangburn, Grace Rader, Samuel Spanos and Leon Thomson.

President Zemba thanked the outgoing President George J. Berry III for his dedicated service over the past several years; and he extended his best wishes to outgoing Directors Robert

Thomas and Hartley Walker.

The society welcomes visitors and prospective members to its meetings.

Presentations for the 2005-2006 year will be announced.

For information about the society, its mission and resources, call 412-741-5315.

The historical society is located in the Old Sewickley Post Office, 200 Broad St., Sewickley. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or by appointment.

TRAVELS

Sewickley Academy graduate follows heart to Haiti

By Jon Paul Creese

Staff writer

A group of volunteers lost track of their barefoot, machete-wielding guide as they climbed a steep mountain in 100-degree heat during a three-hour hike to a remote village in Haiti.

We heard some rustling in the bushes," Alec Shannon remembers. "We thought we were dead. I was frozen solid with fear."

They thought they'd been set up ... until the farmer emerged with a stray calf.

"I was never so happy to see a cow in my life," Shannon says.

It's not everyday one is able to change the direction of one's life. It takes inspiration, a dream and the courage to follow through.

Alec Shannon received that inspiration from his father, bought the dream with his whole heart and is determined fulfill the noble goal of dedicating his life to helping ensure everyone, everywhere in the world has access to adequate medical attention.

It all began two summers ago ...

The Sewickley Academy sophomore set out to work at a hospital in Haiti for one week. A French student, Shannon agreed to volunteer his time to translate his father's educational slide show into the native language.

He was unsure of everything, including his decision to make the trip.

"I thought, 'Do I really want to go down there?'" he says. "There are poor people here, too."

He went.

"You have to go down there to experience the poverty and despair, the lack of hope," he insists. "It's incredible. They live without plumbing or electricity in little shacks. If you have a tin roof, you're considered wealthy."

But it isn't necessarily the indigent Shannon and his father, Dr. Richard Shannon, M.D., go to visit, but those in need of medical attention.

When Shannon first arrived at Hopital Albert Schweitzer in the Arbenite Valley of central Haiti, he was aghast at the amount of suffering.

"I would follow my father on morning rounds. It was intense," he remembers.

Shannon described malnourished children whose mothers were sick with grief, tuberculosis patients whose limbs looked thinner than a "rolled piece of paper," people suffering with AIDS and many other diseases.

"He was the skinniest man I'd ever seen," he says of one patient he visited in the TB ward.



ALEC SHANNON found a passion for service on a trip to Haiti. He helped the sick in Hopital Albert Schweitzer.

"Seeing my dad help him up. He was coughing the whole time ... that really stuck with me."

And of the children: "The mothers don't know what to do, the kids can't eat. They have bloated stomachs and red hair from iron deficiency," he explains.

"It's heart wrenching. You want to do something, but I could only do so much."

And that is the very point of this story, Shannon reveals: Every little bit counts.

Admittedly, Shannon was never an ace French student. He never expected to use the language much.

"My hardest class in high school turned out to be my greatest asset," he says. Shannon accepted the duty to translate educational slides into French for native physician's assistants who work at the hospital.

"It's amazing what a B on an AP test can do to help these people."

It's also amazing what one high school student with a dream can accomplish. Shannon's senior project is a good example.

He recruited six classmates to help him organize a fund-raiser at his parents' home in Sewickley Heights. The event raised more than \$2,000, all of which will benefit the malnutrition ward at the hospital.

"It's really kind of a lasting senior project, I would say," Shannon boasts. "I'm happy with the results. We raised a lot of money and, hopefully, a lot of awareness."

Awareness, he stresses, compounded by action, is the key.

"My goal is to create awareness and help these people as much as I can. They best way to help is for people to go down for themselves."

"I'm so glad he did that for me," he says of his father, who inspired him to travel to the impoverished country.

"He opened my eyes to these amazing people. They are the most resilient people I've met in my life."

Shannon may not have the opportunity to travel to Haiti this summer because of mounting political unrest. The U.S. government has issued restrictions for travelers.

He would like to go anyway.

Shannon spoke as one who is softened by his association with those in despair.

He was dispatched to a remote dispensary one afternoon along with a small group of volunteers, mostly college interns. The trip consisted of a three-hour drive along horrendous roads with no shortage of rocks and boulders.

"I was hanging on for dear life," he says, remembering one hospital worker who broke his leg after being thrown from a "tap-tap," which is a Haitian taxi that vaguely resembles a pick-up truck. (Tap-tap passengers "tap" on the cab's rear window when they reach their destinations, hence the name.)

"If the truck would have tipped, I was dead."

They traveled as far as they could by truck. A three-hour hike ensued.

"Don't stray from the path or you're in trouble," he recalls the driver's ominous farewell advice.

They got lost.

"There were no markers. The path slowly turned into nothing ... a mountain."

But fortune was on their side. They spied a farmer in the distance. As they approached, Shannon observed the man carried a machete and only had one tooth and no shoes on his feet. He wore a sling on one arm.

The crew stated its business.

The farmer agreed to take them up the mountain, but along the way, he mysteriously disappeared into the brush ahead. Concerned for their safety, two of the college students leapt behind a bush. Shannon stood still, frozen with fear.

"I thought we were dead. That was the scariest moment of my life."

Shannon and his friends had nothing to fear, as the good-willed farmer emerged from the jungle with a stray calf.

The group continued on, made their destination and achieved their mission.

As for the gentlemanly farmer, his are not the only footsteps Shannon plans to follow into the future.

Shannon, who moved to Sewickley from Boston when he was 10-years-old, is going onto Cornell University where he plans to study anthropology, biology and pre-medicine.

"I want to follow in my father's footsteps. I want to help people a little more than just translating."

Richard Shannon is a cardiologist, but, Shannon explains, in Haiti he helps people with any number of ills.

As far as leaving the academy, Shannon has mixed emotions.

"The academy has given me a great opportunity. I'm an educated person ready to go into society and contribute to helping people."

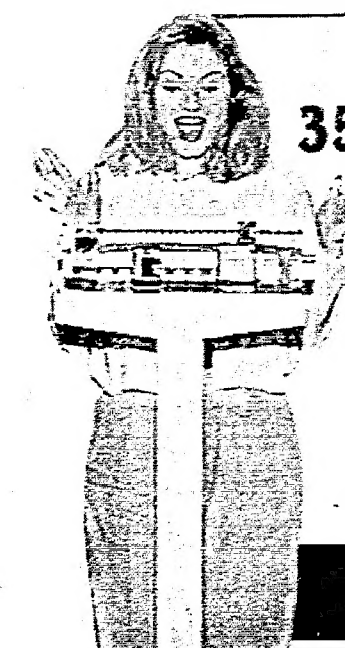
"I'm forever grateful for what the academy has done for me, but I'm ready to move on to experience college and get the foundation for what I plan to do with my life: ... to pursue the dream that everyone in the world should receive healthcare ... all impoverished people of the world."

And though it may take the better part of a lifetime, with each small step Shannon is closer to realizing that dream.

Hopital Albert Schweitzer opened in 1956, fulfilling the dreams of its founders, Dr. Larimer and Gwen Mellon.

On Friday, June 24, a cocktail party, co-hosted by Barbara Clark and Rick Shannon, and Maria and Goerd Abel, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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REGION

PennDOT sides with developers

By Laura Halleman
Staff Writer

In what could be viewed by some as the final nail in the coffin for a local group's three-year attempt to block a proposed Wal-Mart and retail mall in Kilbuck Township, a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation hearing officer ruled Friday that Communities First! did not have a "sufficiently compelling interest" and are not "aggrieved" or "adversely affected" enough to challenge a state highway permit issued to the developer of the project.

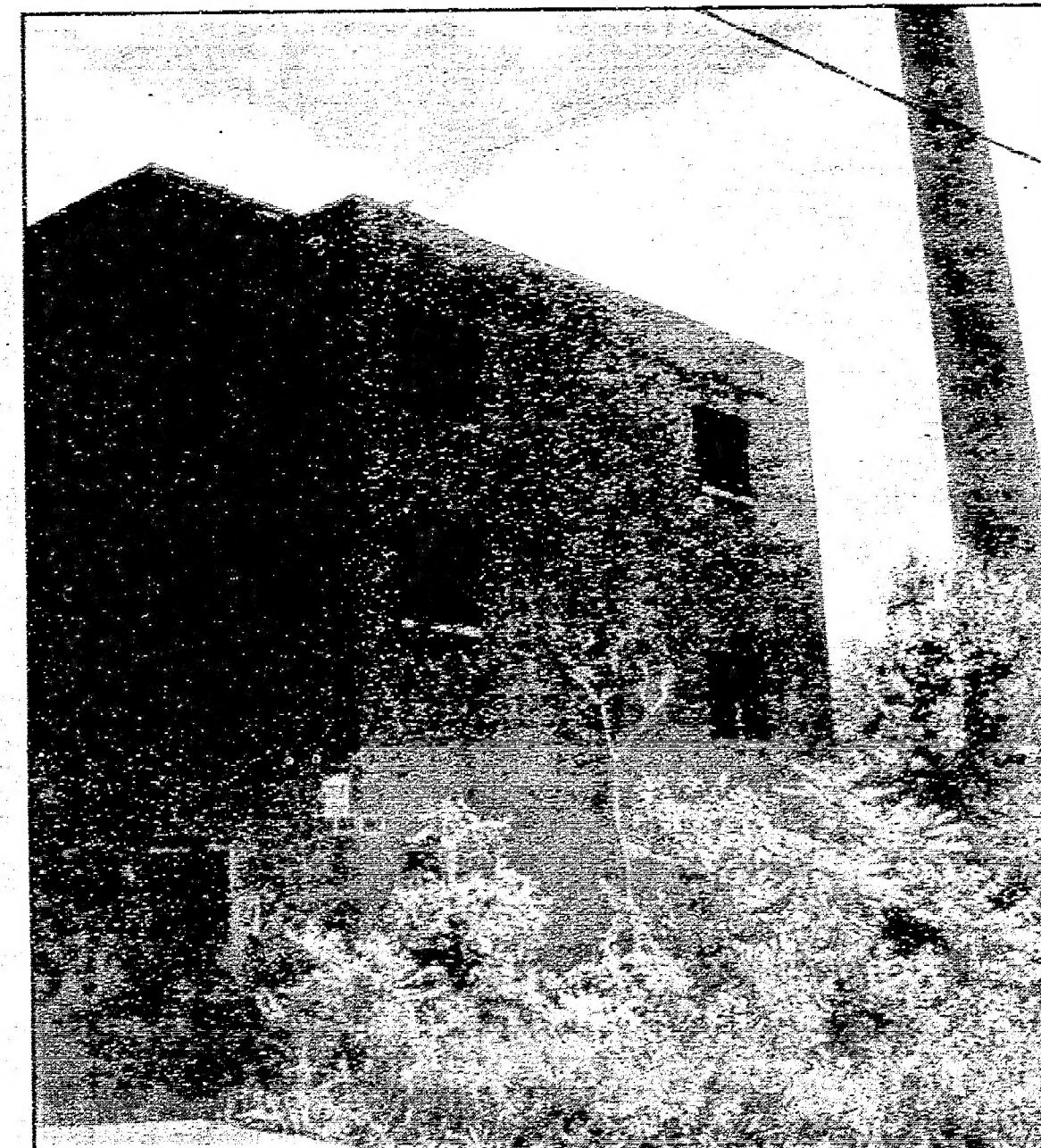
PennDOT hearing officer Andrew H. Cline sided with ASC Development of Emsworth, the company planning to develop a 207-acre tract of land along Route 65 where the long vacant former Dixmont State Hospital sits.

The 400-plus residents and concerned citizens who comprise Communities First! filed an appeal last October after PennDOT granted ACS a highway occupancy permit.

The group appealed on the grounds the developer's used flawed data in their traffic study and the perimeters of the study should also be extended to include the Sewickley Bridge.

Currently, the traffic study ends at the Haysville traffic light on Route 65.

"Anybody with half a brain knows that Glenfield and the



THE SITE of Dixmont State Hospital is closer to becoming the Rt. 65 Wal-Mart.

viaduct should be considered and the Sewickley Bridge incorporated into the traffic study, as well," said Bob Keir, co-chairperson for Communities First!.

Keir contends ACS used outdated traffic data from 1997, which allowed for an additional

12,000 vehicles onto Route 65 and surrounding roadways after the Wal-Mart and mall were developed.

In 2003, however, Keir said a revised traffic study methodology

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Group plans appeal

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gy shows that the actual impact of additional vehicles on Route 65 to be closer to 19,000.

"The developers want to be grandfathered in," said Keir. "Their plan fits only if they use outdated data."

Although the developer has proposed plans to widen Route 65 at the entrance to the Wal-Mart and mall, Communities First! said that is not satisfactory in terms of the adverse economic impacts and traffic conditions that would be placed on surrounding communities.

Although Cline's ruling is a setback for the group, Communities First! plans to appeal to the Secretary of Transportation in Harrisburg.

In a written response, the group said it was "disturbing" that Cline's ruling was sent to the media prior to being sent to the group's attorney.

The response also stated: "The fact that the public health, welfare and safety is endangered by PennDOT's approval of such a flawed traffic plan is not a problem for the elite politicians in Harrisburg."

"But you just mention that there could be spotted owls on the site, and these same politicians would be demanding that construction cease as they chain themselves to the bulldozers."

LEETSDALE



THE LEETSDALE Park Program is in full swing. Summer activities began with the first Crime Prevention Program. Bike safety was the topic. Sgt. Victor Korol, Lisa Ford and Bethany Kurina passed out helmets to approximately 50 kids. They watched a video on bike safety. Tuesdays are library day when Sewickley Public Library staffer Susan Greene reads to the children. There's a chance to win an iPod! The program is held Monday-Friday, rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the park is staffed for crafts, activities and free lunches from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign ups are encouraged in advance for the lunches.

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VILLAGE VOICES

At Sewickley Academy: What are you doing after graduation?



RYAN HOFMEISTER
Wexford

"... going to Virginia Tech to study aerospace engineering."



MATT BOBBY GIBSON
Gibsonia

"... going to college at UPenn to study physics and chemistry."



TOM GILL EDGEWORTH
Edgeworth

"I got a summer job at the Edgeworth club, and after that I'm going to Pitt to study engineering or medicine."



KATIE MINOR BRIDGEVILLE
Bridgeville

"I'm going to Allegheny College, probably majoring in physics and playing soccer."



CAROLYN DEVENS SEWICKLEY
Sewickley

"I'm going to Franklin & Marshall College."



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EDITORIAL

Highway markers will recall judge's legacy

By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

It's been a little over a year since Judge James Russo's passing, and in the halls of the state capitol both of our legislators have been busy orchestrating a memorial to him.

In May, Rep. Mark Mustio introduced House Bill 1581, which would authorize the Department of Transportation to place and maintain signs along Route 65 reading "James E. Russo Highway" at the either end of the designated area.

Last week, news from Sen. John Pippy's office announced the senate had passed Bill 406, which would designate an area of Rt. 65 in Leetsdale to honor Russo. That bill was sent to the house for consideration.

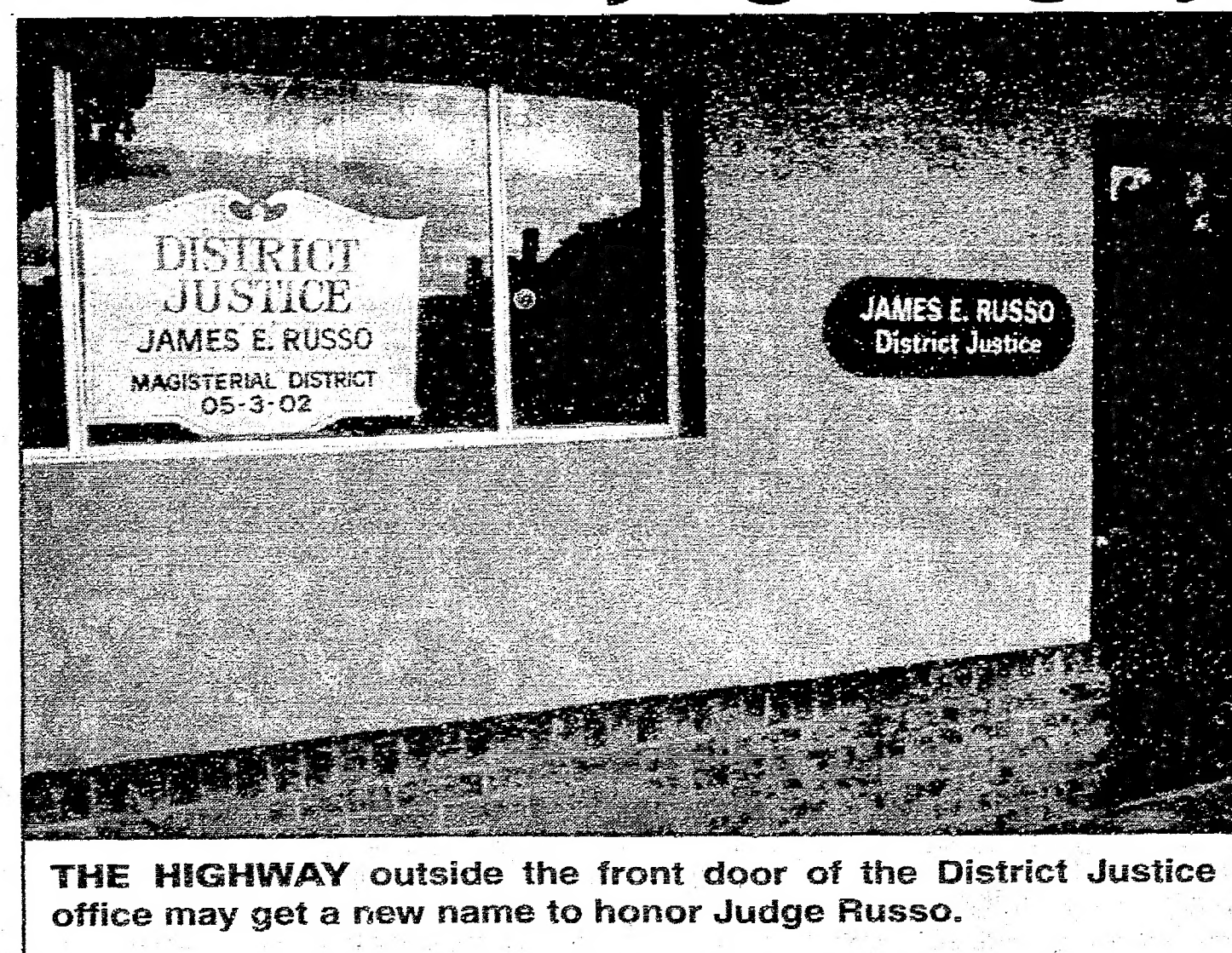
Both Mustio and Pippy acknowledged Russo's 29-year service as district magistrate and complimented his work in the judiciary.

"In addition to the legacy of his long legal career," said Pippy, "the James E. Russo Highway will serve as an enduring reminder of his accomplishments and his contribution to the justice system and the community."

This roadside reminder seems a fitting way to remember The Judge.

After all, his office was located on the boulevard, convenient to the many people who entered his court looking for justice.

Rt. 65 also was a direct path to the city where some of the defendants came



THE HIGHWAY outside the front door of the District Justice office may get a new name to honor Judge Russo.

cuffed and compliant in the hands of sheriff's deputies.

This same highway would take them on to their next court date in Pittsburgh.

It was Rt. 65 that brought crime past the magistrate's door and into our communities; the roadway has become notorious for its ease of access of suburban users to dangerous city drugs.

This state road has also kept local police departments engaged in traffic

control.

A new roadway designation is a public honor but one with great dignity: Those who knew the judge and his work will remember him on their daily trek into the city or out of the borough.

The landmark signs will stir a memory or two, spark a smile and slow us down.

The Judge, you recall, always was concerned with our safety!

STUDENT RECOGNITION

QV 'Friends' award scholarships

The trustees of the Friends of Quaker Valley Schools has awarded a total of \$87,700 in scholarships to 16 members of the Class of 2005 at Quaker Valley High School.

The non-profit organization, whose mission is to "encourage and reward certain achievements of Quaker Valley School District students and staff" has awarded more than \$640,000 in scholarships to graduating QV students since its inception in 1977.

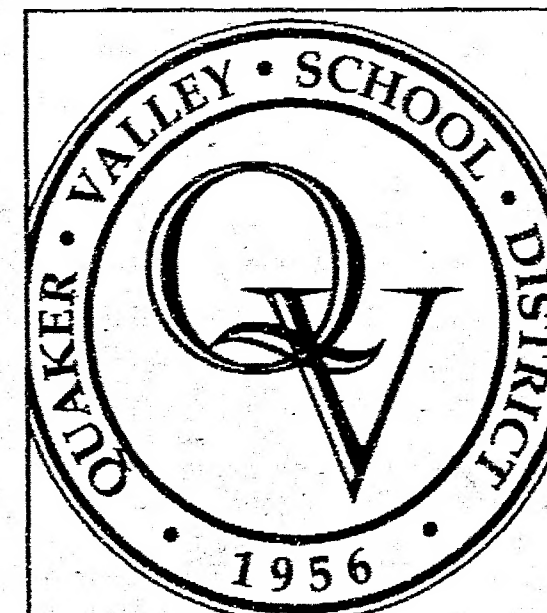
This year, 24 seniors applied for a \$7,500 Friends Scholarship. The nine awardees were Kevin Baker, Claire Hoptay, Andrew Jasper, Zachary Nadler, Margaret Pusateri, Alexandra Shorall, Claire Shorall, Collin Swan and Kara Zinger.

The Patricia Lynn Papinchak Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 was awarded to Maureen Megan, one of four seniors to apply.

The W. Bruce Thomas Leadership scholarship of \$1,200 was awarded to Rachael Tunick. Five seniors applied for this scholarship.

The trustees selected five seniors to receive the Millennium-5 scholarships of \$3,000 each. They were Abby Burrelli, Eryn Correa, Joseph Fogel, Brian Reisker and Rachael Tunick.

In addition to the scholarships, Friends also provided a grant in support of the Quaker



Valley High School Awards, and presented awards for distinguished service to seven Quaker Valley School District staff members.

"Through the years, the Friends of Quaker Valley Schools has been a highly valued partner of the Quaker Valley School District and a proponent of recognizing and rewarding the achievements of our students and staff," said Dr. Jerry Longo, superintendent.

"Because it relies primarily on the generosity of community contributors, it is also a strong indicator of the value that our area places on our local public schools."

Friends of Quaker Valley Schools is a not-for-profit organization established in 1978 to encourage greater learning and academic achievement by students and to recognize distinguished achievements of QV teachers and staff.

In Friends' fiscal year ending this June 30, it is expected the trustees will announce that 300 people sent checks to Friends totaling in excess of \$27,000, that they have awarded 16 scholarships to seniors valued at \$87,700, they will have funded a sizeable number of academic achievement awards for students in all four of the district's buildings, they added \$1,200 to the Principals' Discretionary accounts and they managed all of Friends fund-raising and its operations with the expenditure of less than \$2,000 of Friends' money.

The trustees will have a fund-raising effort by mail in late summer and fall to solicit funds for the years to come. It is the trustees' hope that many Quaker Valley residents will contribute generously to their academic excellence awards, teacher/staff recognition awards, and scholarships for seniors going off to college.

Encouraging our children to learn more than they might otherwise do without Friends' incentives is behind the untiring efforts of the trustees.

Since 1977, the trustees of the Friends of Quaker Valley Schools have been David Nimick, Timothy Merrill and Nancy Auer, who retired as trustee in 2004.

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IN COMMUNITY

Generations touch through QV SLSC

By Laura Hallemann

Staff Writer

Whoever believes there is a generation gap between the young and old need only look at what has been taking place with Quaker Valley High School students and the residents of Leetsdale Manor Apartments and Union Aid Apartments to know that this gap can be breached and an unforgettable bond formed in its place.

It all began with the Student Service-Learning Training Center (SSLC), which is funded by a grant from the Learn and Serve America through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Through the guidance of QVHS teacher Ron Beers, students have the opportunity to select a team to work on in SSLC and receive elective credits for their efforts.

Through the efforts of the Intergenerational Team, QVHS students were paired with senior citizens throughout the school year to engage in all types of activities ranging from cooking classes to karaoke.

A community room at the Leetsdale Manor Apartment complex was the meeting place for the senior citizens and students and with each week, came another chance for two very different generations to learn from one another.

"We got so close to these kids," says Jay Otrhalik, a resident and council secretary of Leetsdale Manor.

"Every week for seven weeks something was going on in this room."

Otrhalik credits Beers for launching the first meeting between the students and senior citizens.

"Ron Beers told him about us and the next thing I know it escalated from there."

Many residents at Leetsdale Manor are involved in an effort to make chemotherapy treatment for cancer patients at area hospitals more comfortable. Through Project Love, Otrhalik and other volunteers sew pillows and caps for the cancer patients.

"Those kids bought us a sealer so that we could seal that we could better seal the pillows shut and they even made us all sweatshirts that had the Project



SENIORS AT Leetsdale Manor, such as Jay Otrhalik and Doris Bailes (seated), have found new worlds to explore thanks to students from Quaker Valley High School's service learning program.

Photo by Laura Hallemann

Love logo on each one," says Otrhalik.

Doris Bailes, president of the council at Leetsdale Manor says the passion for helping the residents is what affected her the most.

"They even helped the maintenance man here. He was so busy with other things in the building that the kids went out and cleaned our whole patio up and bagged 12 bags of leaves," says Bailes.

"For high school kids you couldn't find a better bunch. They just took us under their wing."

Some of the more exciting events the residents participated in were a Mardi Gras celebration, mini makeovers and cooking classes that allowed the residents to sample and give their opinion on exotic foods that students at QVHS prepared.

A culmination of the cooking classes was a recipe book containing recipes submitted by both students and residents and titled, "Yours and Mine: Recipes Shared" Each resident received a copy.

Two new computers were purchased and set up in the meeting room at Leetsdale

Manor to be used by the residents.

"They gave us free lessons on how to use them and I am even learning e-mail," said Bailes.

Throughout all of the events the two generations participated in this past school year, there is one common thread: the memories that each person, young and old, will take away from the experience.

Whether it was when the student stopped to assist a resident when he saw her struggling with groceries or those who teamed up with residents to make flower planters for the apartment balconies, a bond was created.

"Before the students came here to visit us some residents didn't do anything but stay in their apartments," says Otrhalik.

"But it didn't take long before they came down to the meeting room and joined in and had a great time. Even those residents who didn't get along too well or talk much to each other do so now."

"These kids just don't know what they did for us and we want the chance to let them all know how much it has meant to us."

ACADEMY GRADS



SEWICKLEY ACADEMY'S Class of 2005 graduated on Saturday, June 12. After the seniors posed for their traditional portrait, the commencement ceremony began in Rea Auditorium. Guest speaker was Richard Shannon, M.D., chairman of the Department of Medicine at Allegheny General Hospital. Those receiving special awards at commencement are listed on Page 10.

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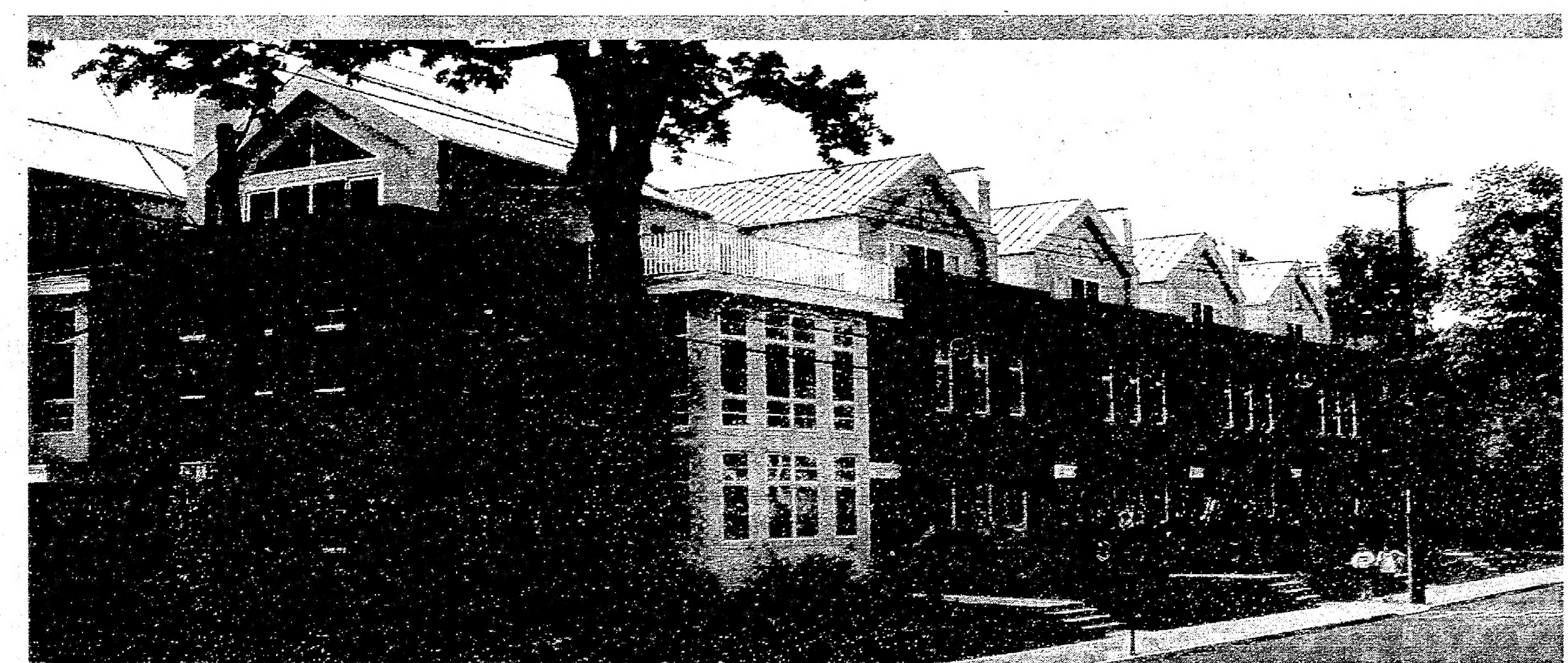
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Aarthi Rao, an incoming freshman at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, has been awarded the prestigious Bloomberg Scholarship. This scholarship provides significant grant funding from the university, allowing recipients to complete their education without student loan debt. It is renewable for three additional years as long as scholars maintain academic progress. She is the daughter of Jayashree and Govinda Rao.

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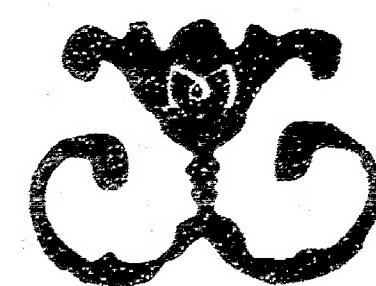


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THE SEWICKLEY Heights History & Nature Centers sponsored their free annual Family Day over Memorial Day weekend. Amidst the beautiful countryside, visitors enjoyed rides on horses and in carriages, as well as a fantastic display of a live eagle and falcon. Other treats included antique cars, clowns, balloon art and a circus performance. The centers are located on Glen Mitchell Road. Visit the Web site for upcoming events.

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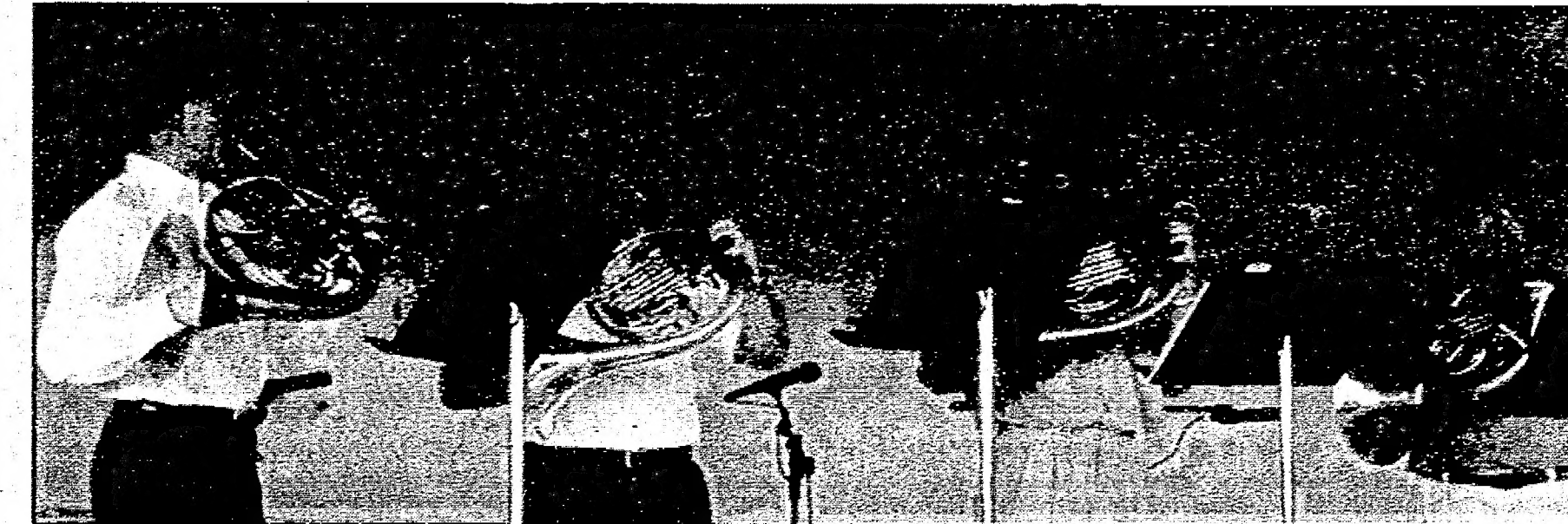


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Library's friends picnic



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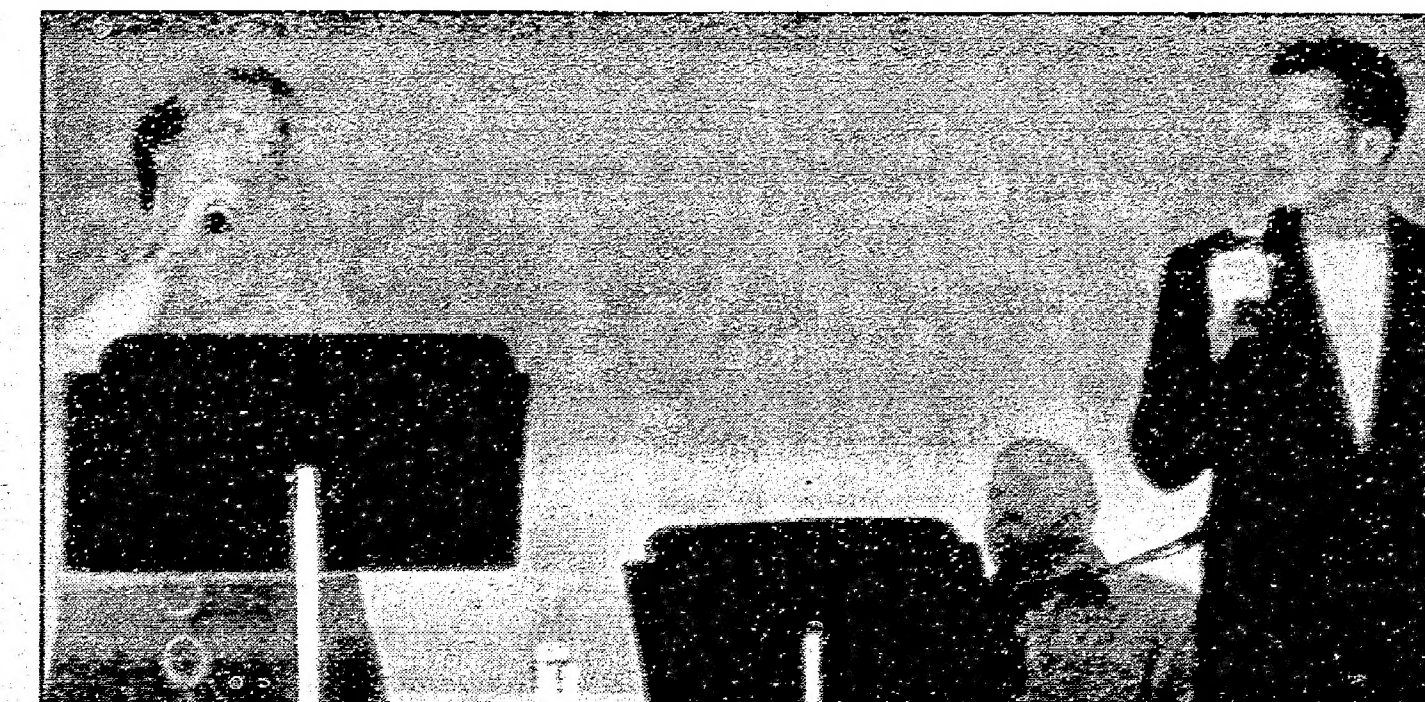
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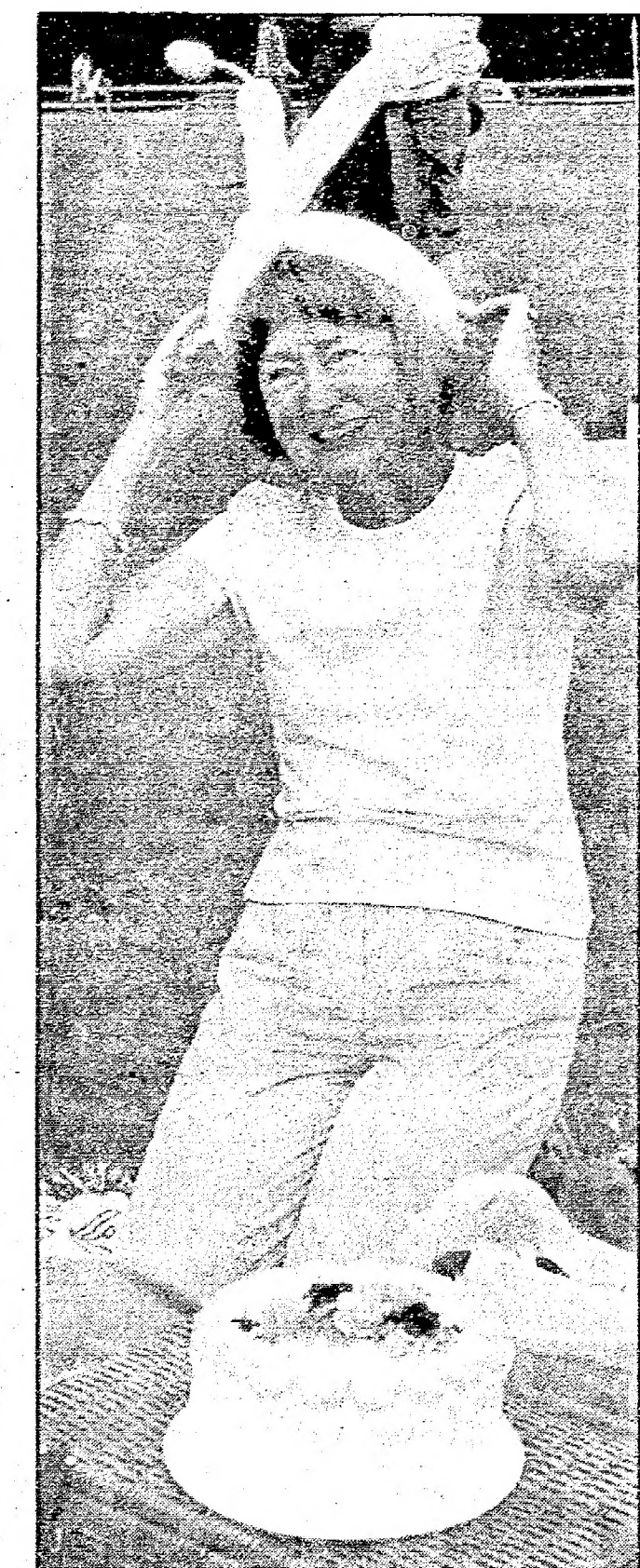
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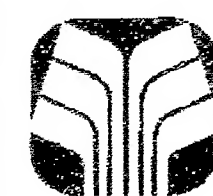
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FAME prepares for new season

The Fine Arts Youth Ministry of Sewickley United Methodist Church has two major programs announced for 2005-2006 season and preparations begin this summer.

In December 2005 FAYM will present a concert performance of Nigerian composer and ethnomusicologist Akin Euba's "Bethlehem: a Gospel Opera."

The performance will take place at Sewickley United Methodist on a date to be announced.

Akin Euba is Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Music at the University of Pittsburgh where he teaches ethnomusicology.

An active composer, Euba is a pioneer in the field of intercultural music, composition which

blends different musical traditions freely.

He wrote "Bethlehem" in a popular style with church choirs and ensembles in mind. The composition freely blends traditional African music with African American gospel traditions for a unique synthesis that is truly global in scope.

In the spring, FAYM will present a program on the theme "Hope and Hopefulness," with multimedia content created entirely by members of the group. Participants will write music, arrange songs, create short plays and videos, all to be performed by FAYM.

"We're expanding toward the original vision for the ministry, which is to embrace all the arts from the standpoint of Christian

faith," says Phil Thompson, FAYM director.

"In order to do that we have to move away from the orchestra model, where there is a composer and a conductor setting the creative agenda and everyone else reacts, to more of a rock 'n roll model, where all the members contribute creatively."

"Everyone who participates in FAYM will contribute to the creative direction of the group. FAYM participants will begin preparing materials for the spring program this summer. Meetings take place on Monday nights at Sewickley United Methodist Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 412-741-9430.

QV kids' day camp highlights nature

Summer Discovery is a day camp with an emphasis on nature.

Campers will spend time in the creek, in the woods, doing creative activities, and playing games.

The camp, for Quaker Valley students entering grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the fall, is accepting registrations for the weeks of July 5-8 and July 11-15.

(The week of June 27-July 1 is already full; the week of July 5th needs at least 5 more campers; and the week of July 11th only has 7 spaces remaining.)

The camp runs from 8 a.m. till noon at Walker Park.

There is no camp fee; the program is sponsored by QVSD and the Little Sewickley Creek

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To register, pick up a registration form in the children's area of the Sewickley Library, call Chriss O'Lare at 412-369-4574 or visit the Web site at www.angelfire.com/pa4/summerdiscovery.

Park view

Sewickley Civic Garden Council and the Riverfront Park committee invite the community to view the Phase Two plans for the Walnut Landing access to the Ohio River.

The event will take place in Riverfront Park on Sunday, June 26, from 4-7 p.m., rain or shine.

Refreshments will be served. Committee members will be on hand to discuss the next

phase of park improvement.

Senior Men's Club

Members of the Senior Men's Club will welcome Kathy Rooney, illustrator, to their Friday, June 24, meeting.

Rooney's topic will be "Art World." She also will talk about the Hope Harvey Football Team.

The club meets each Friday at Sewickley Valley YMCA on Blackburn Road.

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SPOTLIGHT

Artist's music reflects life struggles, healing

By Laura Halleman

Staff writer

As a child Rodan Weikert recalls his father listening to "The Banks of the Ohio," a traditional, folksy ballad.

He would listen to the song as his father played it over and over.

"The song is beautifully tragic," Rodan wistfully speculates, and then a wide grin crosses his face. "It's kind of funny that I think about that now and here I am, back along the banks of the Ohio."

It is this reflective nature of Rodan's that spills over into his musical style.

A resident of Edgeworth, Rodan moved back to the Pittsburgh area in 1991. Growing up, Rodan's mother, Julie, listened to spiritual music while his father, Gerald, had an ear for the old American bluegrass style.

"Music was a pretty large influence in my life from the beginning," he says.

With his strong vocals inflected with a soulful, affected quality and his skillful performances on instruments ranging from guitar and harmonica to drums and piano, Rodan has forged a musical form that is inspirational and thoughtful.

"Pain, Love, Suffering and God" is his latest CD.

Rodan considers it a culmination of varying aspects of his life, but says it is relevant to others lives as well.

"When people listen to the CD, they hear sincerity, realness, they hear struggle and redemption. It's all about why we are here, what are we here for and what's going on afterward."

When he first heard Rodan sing, Richard Brandt, of Sewickley, was drawn to the authenticity of Rodan's music.

"His range is incredible. He embodies a 'roots' kind of thing and his range covers everything from Mississippi Delta blues to current styles," says Brandt.

It is through his music that Rodan reflects on his past and future.

A self-described former "subculture radical," Rodan attributes an occurrence three years ago to his realization that there was something missing in



RODAN PERFORMED in Wolcott Park for the chamber's Wet Paint Day on Saturday.

Photo by Laura Halleman

year. "It's a small operation but it's going to continue to grow."

Although he usually performs solo, musicians Martha D'Avruzzo, Mark Le Corau, Charlie Barath and Ryan Kerekis sometimes accompany Rodan.

It is through his music that Rodan hopes people will take the time to stop, or just slow down their fast paced lives long enough to listen and to look at what is going on around them.

"We're all such unique individuals but I also believe there is one fabric we are all made from."

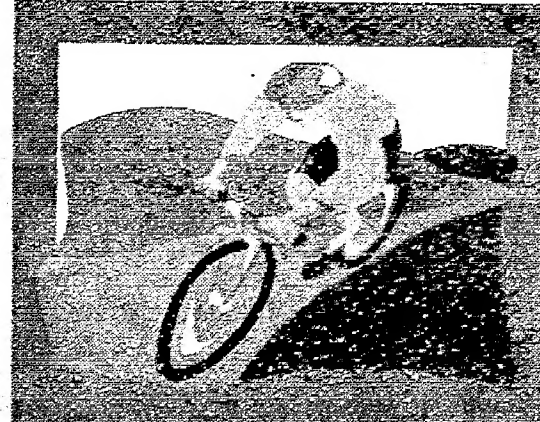
Rodan will be performing Friday, June 24, from 6-8 p.m. at Sweetwater as part of LIVE Fridays, the summer music series. The Fierce Five, featuring Martha DaBruzio, Mark LeCornu and Charlie Barath, also will perform.

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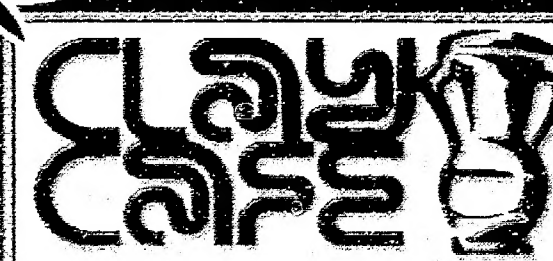
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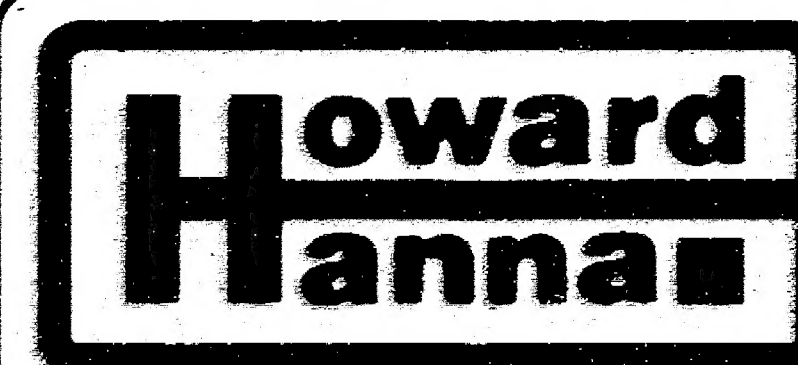
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IN MEMORY

Last lunch at Christy House

The last luncheon at the Christy House will be held Friday, June 24.

Seating also will be available in a garden setting.

Luncheon hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Suggested donation for the meal is \$7 for the adult menu and \$3.50 for the children's menu.

Worship at Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:45.

Bible Study and Prayer Service is held Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 412-741-7688.

Christ Scientist

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sewickley, holds its Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday evening testimony meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. The Reading Room is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lesson-Sermon for Sunday, June 26, is titled "Christian Science" and will open with a quotation from Psalms: "Teach me thy ways, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth."

The church is located at 222 Beaver St., Sewickley.

Virginia Henning, lifelong Sewickley resident

Virginia "Ginnie" Henning, 80, a lifelong resident of Sewickley, died June 18, 2005, at Sewickley Valley Hospital, surrounded by her family.

A service will be held today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at Copeland's, Sewickley, with the Rev. Orval Jones officiating.

Burial will follow in Sewickley Cemetery.

She was born in Pittsburgh on Sept. 25, 1924, to the late Edward and Margaret (Kuhl) Happoldt. She was preceded in death by a son, Blair Henning.

She was the beloved wife of Raymond E. Henning of Sewickley for 57 years; mother of Ray E. Henning and his wife, Mary Jo of Massillon, Ohio; Marlane J.H. Korneff and her husband, Richard A. Korneff Sr. of Slippery Rock, Pa.

She was also a proud grandmother of Amber Fry and her husband, Richard; Nathan Meghan, Jacob, Richard, Michael, Sarah, Lucas; and great-grandmother of Laura, Sean, Nicholas and Patrick.

Mrs. Henning was a homemaker since marrying her husband in 1947.

She was dedicated and active in the Blackburn United Methodist Church.

She was also very active in the Franklin Park Women's Club, Meals on Wheels, Keenagers and many other groups throughout her active life.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Henning's name to the American Heart Association, 10 Duff Road, Penn Hills, Pa., 15235.

IN MEMORY

Joann Roppa

Wife and mother

Joann (Caterina) Roppa, 80, of Baden, formerly of Sewickley, died June 18, 2005.

She was the wife of the late Vittorio V. Roppa and mother of Joyce M. (Robert J.) Stanley of Gibsonsia, Margaret J. (Harold W.) Wright of Baden, Eino Dominick Roppa, of Sewickley and Victor (Debrah L.) Roppa Jr. of Baden. She was a sister to Josephina Chirillo of Italy.

Mrs. Roppa also is survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Interment was in St. James Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson Pittsburgh Chapter/Research and Support, 6507 Wilkins Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217.

The Richard D. Cole Funeral Home Inc., Sewickley, made the arrangements.

Mary Marcus

Wife and mother

Mary (Chiodi) Marcus, just 10 days short of her 106th birthday, died June 13, 2005, at Mariner Health Care Center.

She was born in Coraopolis on June 23, 1899, to the late Joseph and Bridget (Lisanni) Chiodi.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Marion Maruca, in 1961; son Nicholas Maruca;

her sister, Bertah Little; and her brother, Frank Chiodi.

Mrs. Marcus was a life-long resident of Coraopolis and was a housekeeper for some prominent families there. Always lending a helping hand, she was a tireless worker with a caring kindness.

Surviving are her daughter, Eleanor Marcus of Sewickley, and two brothers, Samuel and Jim Chiodi, both of Coraopolis. Burial took place at Coraopolis Cemetery.

Copeland's Coraopolis made arrangements.

Anne Stouffer

Former Edgeworth resident

Anne M. Stouffer, 91, formerly of Sewickley, died June 14, 2005, in Columbia, Md., following a brief bout with pneumonia and a much longer one with Alzheimer's.

Anne Musolin was born Nov. 28, 1913, in Aliquippa. While working in a doctor's office, she met and married D. Edward Stouffer. They settled in Edgeworth in 1950, where they raised their two daughters, Suzanne and Nancy.

Mrs. Stouffer was active for many years in the local garden club. She and her husband enjoyed golf and bridge.

They were faithful members of Shields Presbyterian Church and later, The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley.

She was gifted with her hands, sewing, knitting and creating beautiful needlepoint for the church, her home and her family.

She will be remembered as a voracious reader, warm hostess and gracious friend.

In 1999, the couple moved to Columbia, Md., to be near their daughter, Suzanne.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister and is survived by her husband and her daughters, Suzanne Learn of Columbia, and Nancy Stouffer of Boise, Idaho.

A service is planned for later this summer in Sewickley.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

John Peters

Steel worker

John Peters, 90, a resident of Baden for 60 years, died June 7, 2005, at UPMC Passavant in Cranberry Township.

He was born March 3, 1915, to the late Frank and Anna (Abraham) Peters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, "Dottie" Peters, in December 2003; three sisters: Sarah Rupert, Ann Beck and Minnie Peters; and a brother, Jim Peters.

Mr. Peters was a steel worker for Bethlehem Steel, American Bridge and Bollinger Corp., where he was employed for 30 years until its closing. He began with Lee C. Moore Corp. and retired as a plant superintendent in 1982.

He was a member of Baden United Methodist Church, Baden Circle of Friends, the National Rifle Association and sportsmen's clubs.

Mr. Peters had a passion for saltwater and freshwater fishing. He was known as the "Fisherman" on WMBA Radio. He took pride in teaching his wife how to fish at age 80.

Mr. Peters loved classical music, nature and was an avid bird watcher.

He was also an army veteran, serving his country during WWII.

He is survived by his three children: John Peters and his wife, Stefanie, of Hobe Sound, Fla.; Edward Peters and his wife, Barbara, of New Sewickley Township; Janet Johnson and her husband, William, of Ross Township; and 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Sewickley Cemetery.

June 22, 2005



Peanut Heaven

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports writer meets untimely wallyball doom

(Whoa ... just a moment while I duck this throw from QV Bluejays' pitcher Nathan Pawlik to my right) ... Whew, missed me ...

Alright, you may have noticed that I've got a fresh, new look for my column. But I did keep the name and assure you all that I will continue to print the same old mundane deadline-induced drivel that you've come to know and expect.

Here goes: I arrived unfashionably late to the YMCA wallyball court last Wednesday morning in my most fashionable sports attire but without an opportunity to limber up with some pre-game calisthenics; I went in fresh.

"These are 'old'er guys," I thought, "and the name of the game is 'wallyball', so, how tough could this be?"

I was greeted warmly first by Bill Jackson, who has the look of a retired Marine that still longs for the good old days of early morning 17-mile runs in combat boots and fatigues. Then George Kastrounis, who with large chiseled frame and regnant air resembles an ancient Greek Herculean hero, approached me with an equally sincere welcome.

I would soon discover just how competitive the group of 55 to 73-year old men are and how demanding is the sport that resembles volleyball but requires a bit more gusto.

After brief salutations, I joined Kastrounis and two others on one side of a racquetball court, which serves as the wallyball court with a net spread across the middle.

Wallyball incorporates similar rules as volleyball, the biggest difference being the ball is allowed to bounce off of the side and back walls,

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SPORTS

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NATHAN PAWLIK, pitcher for the Quaker Valley Bluejays, throws one home during a game last week. The Bluejays, coached by Mitch Pawlik, defeated the BA Phillies 7-6 in overtime during the first round of the playoffs Saturday at the Community Center but fell to the Cornell Red Sox in the second round. The Little League final four was scheduled for Monday night. The QV Indians were the sole remaining QV area representatives going into the preliminary final four round.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

On the War Path
QV Indians remain for final four showdown

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

With the youth baseball league 2005 season winding down and after a weekend of intense games and a few upsets, the fourth-seeded Quaker Valley Indians were the sole Quaker Valley Recreation Association representatives to make it through the first and second rounds to the final four preliminary games Monday night.

The Indians, coached by Jeff Bennett, defeated the Bellevue-Avonworth Dodgers 6-0 in the second round Sunday night after taking out home-town rivals, the QV Diamondbacks 8-6 Saturday afternoon at the Community Center.

The Indians were scheduled to take on the top-seeded Cornell Giants Monday night.

The third-seeded QV Yankees, the highest ranked QV team in the league, suffered a first round loss to the 14th seed, Avonworth Muckdogs.

The QV White Sox suffered a first-round 10-8 loss to the BA Dodgers, who

defeated the QV Athletics in the second round.

"They gave the fifth seed all they could handle," Little League Commissioner Stephen Barge said of the A's game. "It was a close one."

The QV Bluejays gave baseball fans another surprise, taking the BA Phillies in a seventh-inning 7-6 victory.

"That was a thriller," Barge said. The Bluejays fell to the Cornell Red Sox 5-2 Sunday.

"It's been a very successful year," Barge said. "We had more kids participate than any other year I can remember."

Approximately 65 11- and 12-year-olds participated in Little League and more than 100 participated in the Minor League.

The Minor League also had a great season, said Commissioner Tom Kuny. Even though none of the 9 teams went on to the finals this week, Kuny said the kids played hard all year.

Kuny's team the QV Rangers fell 4-2 to the BA Cardinals and finished third for

the season overall. Kuny expected a win against the Cardinals, but it wasn't in the cards.

"We played them and beat them earlier in the year," he said of the seventh-seeded Cardinals. "We anticipated the win, but we just didn't hit the ball like we normally do. We played good D though."

The QV Yankees, at 10-3, finished second in the rankings and suffered a heart-breaking 15-14 loss to the Cardinals.

"It's been a very positive year," Kuny said. "Everybody had fun and learned a lot about the game."

The final three-game series between the two top Little League finishers will be played this week, Tuesday through Thursday.

A Minor League All-Star game will be played Thursday with the 9-year-olds playing at 6 p.m. and the 10-year-olds playing after at the Community Center.

"It will be a nice little in-house game," Barge said of the first-ever Minor League All-Star game, which was organized by Kuny.

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PEANUT HEAVEN

Senior sportsmen bring wallyball to Sewickley Y

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creating a dizzying effect for one not accustomed to the speed at which it changes course.

I was stationed at the net when the game began and got my first taste of shame shortly after the initial serve.

I smacked the wallyball directly into the net off a set by one of my teammates, who offered me the obligatory, no-problem-it's-your-first-time, patronizing grin.

So, I turned it up a notch and, after a few plays, started to get the hang of it and actually did pretty well, helping my team to several wins. I originally planned to participate in only a couple games (we played six or seven games in a two-hour period), maybe best of three, and then focus on getting background information for an article. But I'm here to tell you that wallyball becomes addictive; and I just kept switching sides for another game.

We talked after. "It's just a bunch of guys that get together and have a good

time," said Kastrounis of the sport he's enjoyed for 15 years.

The 59-year-old Kastrounis explained that he became involved because, "I hurt my back and couldn't move like I used to."

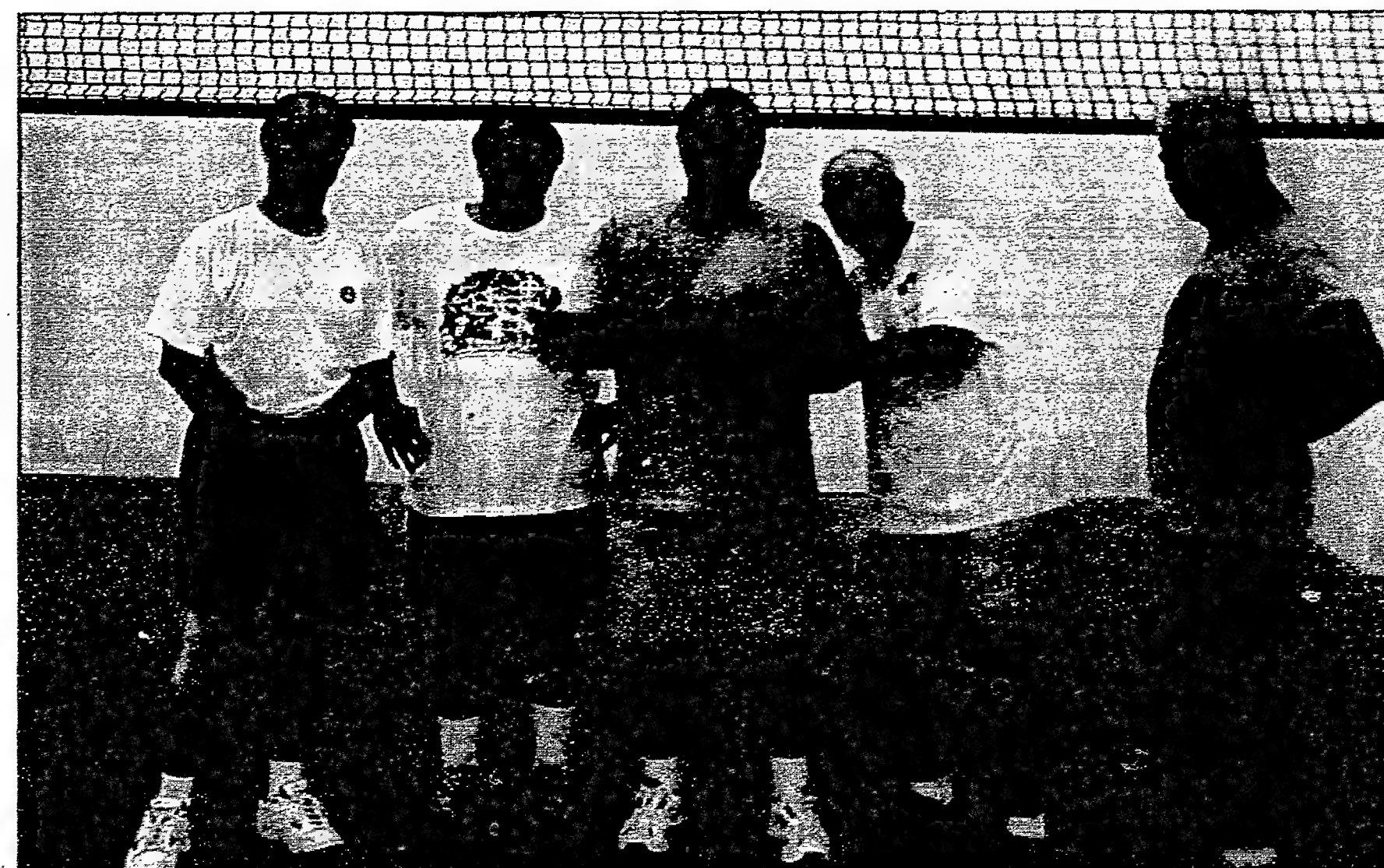
"He came here to pick on old guys because they're easy," came a witty rejoinder from Joe Tylanda, a fellow player whose motives may be suspect, as he was actually one of the youngest guys on the court that day.

Every group has a comedian, and Tylanda fills that role marvelously, though he has a lot of competition with this bunch of playfully raucous retirees who are as quick with smiles as they are with pointedly sarcastic digs at one another.

"We used to have 11 teams," Tylanda said on a more serious note. "People moved away and it never really took off again."

The goal is to get more people involved, and the guys would like to have some younger players join them. Few women play, and they would like that to change, too.

"It's a great cardiovascular workout," said Jackson, who



A RATHER motley assortment of Sewickley YMCA senior wallyball players (from left to right) are: John Morgan, Joe Tylanda, Zack Cooley, Bob McClure and Bill Jackson. The group, along with others, play for two hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Photo by Jon Paul Creese

was sporting a "USMC" T-shirt and military-style headband and who appears perfectly capable of doing several hundred pushups at the drop of a dime.

He's right. I picked up a sweat about 10 minutes into the first game.

Most of the guys just do it for fun though, like 73-year-old Bob McClure, a retired food industry specialist who worked in supply, design engineering and consulting.

McClure plays three days a week, simply for "the love of the game ... the excitement and the guys — except for a few individuals ..." he poked sarcastically, I could only assume, at Tylanda.

Wallyball also helps to keep McClure's diabetes in check and his cholesterol down, he said,

and it's "a great way to work off calories and extra pounds."

McClure has lost 40 pounds since he started playing the game. He said along with keeping a healthy diet, playing wallyball a few times a week has been extremely beneficial for his overall health.

It can also be a good supplement to a rigorous training regimen for someone trying out for the next "Survivor" series.

You heard me right, and I didn't just throw that in there for a sensationalistic spin.

Kastrounis is a current candidate for the next season of the network series that notoriously chooses folks from this area to participate in the program.

Kastrounis, a retired steelworker and boilermaker who was vice president of his union

for 9 years, had an interview for a spot on the show and hopes to be selected in August to be one of 48 final contestants.

"If I am selected, I will win it," he said candidly. "I'm very competitive."

All I can say is, if selection requires the completion of 12 labors, Kastrounis has it in the bag.

■ If you're going, wallyball is played Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. at the Sewickley Valley YMCA. All are welcome, though the group suggests people ages 35-75 would be most suited for the sport. So, I hope to see some of you there as I plan to participate as often as my busy schedule allows, providing I am not ostracized after they read this column.

Soccer Camp offered to Sewickley area youth

The annual Pittsburgh Premier Girls Soccer Camp will offer three training sessions for girls in the local area:

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p.m. at Hyde Elementary School in Moon Township, and July 25-29: Advanced (ages 10-13 only), 9 a.m. to noon at Quaker Valley High School.

The first two sessions are for girls ages 6-13. The cost is \$100.

For brochures or more information call 412-749-9469 or email: pittsburgh-premier@yahoo.com. Early registration is recommended.

UPCOMING

Quaker soccer camp scheduled for early summer

The 25th Annual Quaker Valley Soccer Camp will be held July 18-22 at the Osborne Elementary School. The camp is for boys and girls ages 7-12 and will be held from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

The cost is \$95 if registered before July 1 and \$105 for later registrants.

Campers will receive a T-shirt and regulation soccer ball and individualized instruction.

Discounts of \$10 are available for the second child of a single family.

The camp is specifically designed for players from ages 7-12, and instruction focuses on the development of soccer skills through individual and small group activities organized in a progression from basic through complex skills.

Passing, receiving, dribbling, shielding, tackling and shooting skills are emphasized and individual tactics are also covered.

For more information, contact Klein at 412-749-7982.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Academy graduate receives lacrosse honors

Hamilton College lacrosse player Jim Henry was selected the male recipient of the 2005 Jack B. Riffle Award at a dinner for senior varsity athletes on May 18.

The Riffle Award has been presented annually since 1987 to Hamilton's outstanding male and female senior athletes.

Riffle graduated from Hamilton in 1950 and passed away on Dec. 13, 1986. A group of Riffle's friends and associates established a memorial fund in his name because of his deep interest in Hamilton athletics.

Henry is the first men's lacrosse athlete to win the award. He finished his career ranked third at Hamilton in points with 193 with 99 goals and 98 assists.

Henry was voted to the All-Liberty League First Team in 2005 after making the Second Team in 2004. He finished second in the league with 1.86 assists per game, third in points per game (3.86) and fifth in goals per game (2.00) this year.

Henry was named an Offensive Performer of the Week by the league three times in 2005. He is a four-year letter winner and a team captain. He started 46 straight games, the past three seasons.

Hamilton's record was 43-15 during his career and the Continentals won their first-ever NCAA Championships game in 2003 when he was a sophomore.

SA Lacrosse

Two Sewickley Academy student athletes



Jim Henry

received a number of honors following the completion of the 2005 lacrosse season.

Brittany Urick, a resident of Moon

Township and Elsie Kaye, a resident of Bells Acres, received the following awards announced at a recent banquet hosted by the Pittsburgh Lacrosse Foundation: 1st team Section 1 WPIAL; 1st team ALL WPIAL; Academic All American as recognized by US Lacrosse; All American Honorable Mention as recognized by US Lacrosse; Selected to play for Upper Atlantic Regional teams and played in the US Lacrosse National Draw held over the Memorial day weekend at Lehigh University; Co-MVPs of the Championship game of the Midwest Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association Tournament held this past May 2005 in Cleveland, Ohio; Selected to the All Tournament team at the May 2005 MSLA tournament; Selected to the 1st team All MSLA for the 2005 season.

Both girls have lettered the last three years for the SA girl's soccer team that won the Class AA WPIAL championship in the last three years and the PIAA State Championship in 2003.

Kaye has also lettered the last two years for the Academy girls' basketball team.

The SA girl's Lacrosse team lost in the WPIAL semifinals and finished second in the MSLA tournament held in May.

Urlick and Kaye will be entering their senior years at Sewickley Academy this coming fall.

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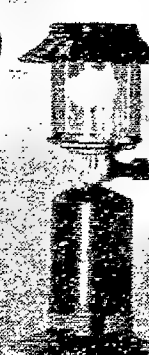
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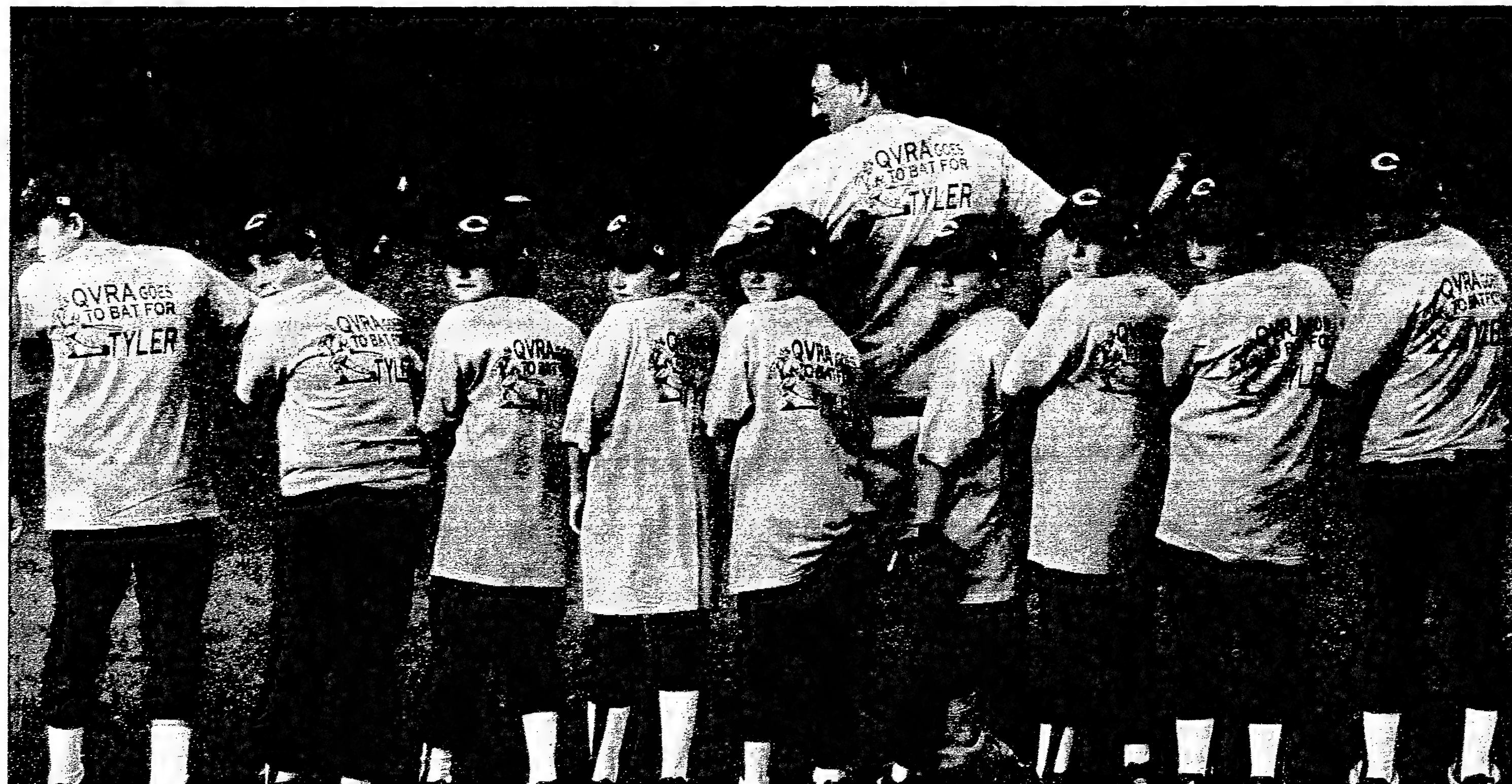
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THE QUAKER Valley Reds, a Quaker Valley Recreation Association youth baseball team, sports T-shirts to help promote awareness for their friend Tyler Froats, 12, who played last year with the Diamondbacks in the 11-12 year-old league coached by John Straka. When Froats was younger, he was diagnosed with leukemia, underwent several years of treatment and had been in remission for more than 4 years. He had a relapse and the leukemia has returned. He now faces several more years of treatment. Players and coaches from the league rallied together in support of Froats. The team is selling the shirts for \$20 each to help the Froats defray medical expenses. See the next Herald for a full story and to discover other ways to help support a local family in need.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Benson wins coaches nomination for All-Star Little Leaguer

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Cory Benson is the kind of athlete a head coach dreams of ... which is exactly why Mitch Pawlik picked him up in the beginning of the season.

"He has a lot of natural ability," Pawlik said of the 12-year-old ball player. "He plays well and doesn't give up ... things you want in a kid, that's why I drafted him."

"He's a good guy to have around," Pawlik added.

Benson tipped the scales for the Bluejays this year in many ways.

He is an aggressive fielder, a threatening pitcher and the

team's strongest batter with a .412 average going into the playoffs.

He hit four home runs this year and also led the team in RBIs.

This weekend the Bluejays took on the Phillies in the first round of the playoffs and Benson pitched two innings, allowing only one run for a Bluejays' 7-6 overtime victory.

He batted three for six in two playoff games and nailed two doubles.

The Bluejays fell to the Cornell Red Sox 5-2 in the second round.

Benson comes from a big QV baseball family.

Cory Benson

Accomplishment: Benson received coach's acclaim this year after leading the QV Bluejays in batting with a .412 average go into the playoffs. He is one of head coach Mitch Pawlik's All-Star picks.



His oldest brother, Ben, 23, played for the high school and his sister 24-year-old sister,

Becky, helped lead the Lady Quakers to the fast-pitch playoffs her senior year.

"I think I'm going to play all the way up to high school," Benson says, noting that he enjoyed having older siblings to learn from.

One of his coaches is also one of his biggest fans, his mother, Tracy Benson.

"She knows a lot because she's been coaching a lot," Benson said of his mother.

"We're just a big baseball family," Tracy said. "We have three boys and two girls and they all play baseball."

Benson earned coach's acclaim this year as he was nominated for the league's All-Star roster.



SEWICKLEY REAL ESTATE



Golfers wanted

Golf enthusiasts are invited to tee off on Monday, Sept. 19, at the Allegheny Country Club, Sewickley.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit senior residents at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m., social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner and awards at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$150 per person or \$600 per foursome and includes bag drop, personalized bag tag, greens fees, cart, use of practice ranges, lunch, dinner, skill prizes, door prizes and a 22" duffel bag.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, Aug. 1.

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HOME TIPS

Use paper and different-colored pencils to begin designing your landscape.

First, sketch a simple, scaled drawing of your yard. Locate its buildings, walks, driveways and utilities (e.g., sewer, electric and telephone lines).

Note the location of all paved surfaces — streets, driveways, patios or sidewalks — near your home. Then identify potential uses for different areas of your yard: vegetable gardens, flower beds, patios and play areas.

Draw arrows to show sun angles and prevailing winds for summer and winter. Circle the areas of your yard needing shade or wind protection.

Indicate with arrows how you want views to be preserved or screened. Mark routes of noise pollution you wish to block.



Also, highlight areas where landscaping height or width may be restricted, such as under utility lines or along sidewalks.

Notice yard areas that suffer from poor drainage and standing water. Some trees and shrubs will not grow well in poorly drained areas; others will.

Note existing trees and shrubs. Plan for their replacement if they are old or sick and if they provide valued shade or windbreak.

Consider a "living fence" of dense trees, bushes or shrubs. Depending on its location and application, this hedge can be customized to be tall, short, wide, narrow, open or dense.

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United States and can serve as a living fence.

Areas of lawn not used as picnic or play areas can be converted to planting beds or xeriscaped areas.

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Your neighbor's yard may be the best place for trees to shade your south-facing windows.

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Betty Moraca

Others base their price on need. If they plan to build a new home, they take into account the cash needed to complete their construction plus a little extra. Others may need money for college tuition or medical bills.

No matter the motivation, it is important to understand that the right selling price is the one that buyers are willing to pay. It's really the buyers who set the final price, because until buyers agree to pay some amount for a home, there is no sale.

Of course, buyers cannot simply offer a low price and automatically buy the house. The sellers must agree, too. The sale price will be the amount that is both offered... and accepted.

Consult a real estate agent with detailed information about the prices buyers are currently paying for homes. With that information, you have the in-depth knowledge needed to arrive at the right price for your home. Price your home correctly from the beginning, and you can start packing!

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DESIGN OF THE WEEK

Lantana architecture brings natural light into great space

Corner quoins accent wide stucco columns that support the Lantana's dramatic portico. In fact, all its front-facing exterior corners are quoined.

Raised planters and a parade of windows soften the lines, creating a front facade that is at once friendly and impressive.

This plan's interior reflects the same mix.

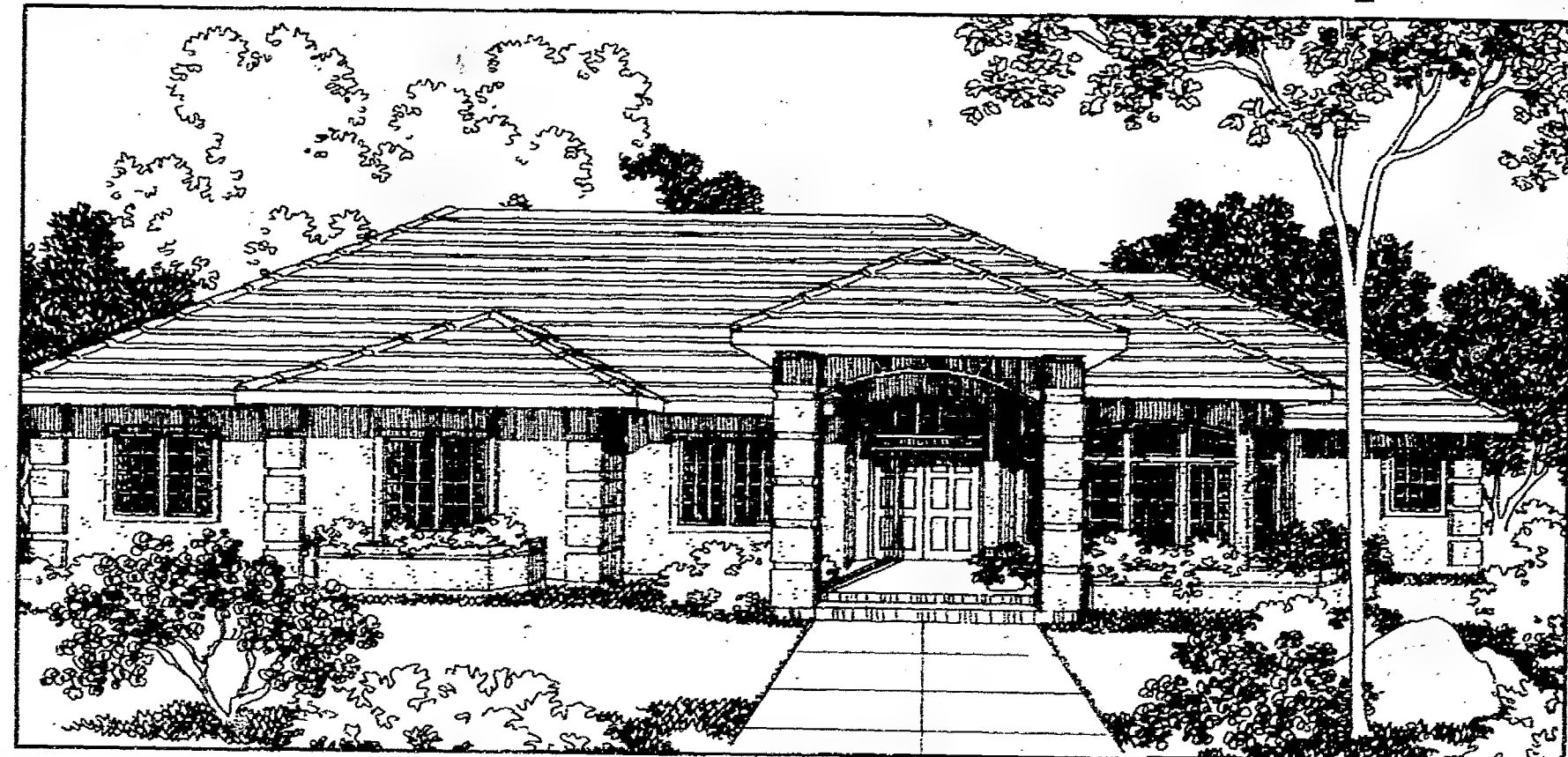
The stately ambience permeating living room, foyer and dining room transitions into a free-flowing, relaxed feeling when you enter the kitchen, nook or family room.

A 12-foot ceiling adds volume to the spacious foyer, while 10-foot ceilings grace formal gath-

ering spaces on either side. Classic ceiling treatments enhance the impact of these rooms. The dining room has a coffered ceiling; the living room's tray ceiling echoes the room's elongated octagonal shape.

Multipaned windows, wide and plentiful, brighten the large, comfortable living area at the rear. From the kitchen sink you can enjoy the view across a patio, accessed through a French door in the nook.

Range and oven are built into a peninsular counter that could be outfitted as an eating or conversation bar.



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While cooking, you can keep tabs on happenings in the nook and family room, or enjoy the flames in the gas fireplace. A walk-in pantry adds storage space.

The Lantana's master suite has two closets, a private bathroom, and a bay window — just the spot for a window seat or sewing nook.

Master bath luxuries include a soaking tub, dual vanity and shower.

The adjacent room could be a home office, nursery or bedroom.

Utilities and two more bedrooms are located on the far side of the house, connected to the three-car garage.

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BELL ACRES 8 Fairway Drive - Handsome brick Georgian Colonial situated on a beautiful lot along a peaceful cul-de-sac. Features include a large living room with a gas log fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen and a comfortable family room. There are 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Improvements include new windows, furnace, central air and more. Magnificent view and well landscaped with specimen plantings. Dir.: Beaver Rd. to Campmeeting Rd., R. on Fairway Dr. to home on R. \$549,000	EDGEWORTH 13 Little Sewickley Creek Rd. - Charming turn-of-the-century carriage home offers seclusion and convenience. Features include a gourmet eat-in kitchen and adjoining family room. This home is spacious and bright with a large living room and dining room with beautiful views. There are 4 bedrooms and 4 full baths. Large rear deck is perfect for entertaining. 2 car garage and more. Dir.: Beaver Rd. to Little Sewickley Creek Rd., bear left at drive with stone pillar, up hill to home. \$835,000	EDGEWORTH 609 Maple Lane - Handsome three story brick home situated on a beautiful level lot along a pretty tree-lined street. Features include a large living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen and den. There are 5 spacious bedrooms and 3.5 baths. The rooms are large and formal and provide wonderful living space. There is a newer furnace and central air. The inviting full length porch accents this fine home. 2 car detached garage. Dir.: Rt. 65 to Edgeworth Lane, L. Maple Lane to home on L. or Beaver Rd. to Edgeworth Lane to R. on Maple Ln. \$759,000
SEWICKLEY 306 Grant St. - Outstanding Arts and Crafts style home has been beautifully renovated and offers all modern amenities. Features include a handsome living room, formal dining room and a fabulous kitchen which opens to the spacious family room. There are 7 bedrooms and 4 full plus 2 half baths. The first floor laundry area adds convenience. In addition, there is a wonderful wrap-around porch and a 2 car detached garage. All situated on a large, level lot in the heart of the Village. Dir.: Beaver St. to Grant St., home on L. \$999,000	SEWICKLEY 544 Centennial Ave. - Pretty and inviting Village home features 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths plus a second floor laundry room. There is also a spacious living room, formal dining room and a well-equipped kitchen. The lower level offers a game room and den/office area. Full length covered front porch to enjoy summer evenings. Level, fenced rear yard. Nice location - close to shops and transportation. Dir.: Broad St. to R. on Centennial, home on R. \$323,000	EDGEWORTH 228 Orchard - Pristine brick Colonial is well located in this wonderful neighborhood. Features include a large living room with a gas log fireplace, a formal dining room and an equipped eat-in kitchen which opens to the bright two-story addition and family room. The second floor offers 3 bedrooms and a den. There are also 2.5 baths. The lower level includes a finished game room and office area. To the rear of the home is an inviting deck and garden shed. Dir.: N. on Beaver Rd., bear left at park to Meadow Lane, L. on Orchard. \$350,000
EDGEWORTH 417 Woodland Rd. - This outstanding brick Colonial has been totally renovated with the finest quality materials available and is located along a pretty tree-lined street. Features include a spacious living room, handsome formal dining room and a fully equipped eat-in kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures. There are 4 gas log fireplaces. The upper level offers 8 bedrooms. There are also 4.5 baths. The large, level lot is well landscaped. Inviting covered front porch. 3 car detached garage and much more. Dir.: Beaver St. to Academy Ave., L. Woodland Rd. to home on L. \$549,000	<div style="text-align: center;"> Prudential Preferred Realty Presents... Sewickley MID SUMMER'S NIGHT Evening Tour June 23rd from 6-8p.m. A convenient Thursday evening time to view some of the areas finest properties for sale. www.PrudentialPreferredRealty.com </div>	
SEWICKLEY 336 Henry Avenue - This beautifully remodeled condominium is centrally located in the Village and offers many amenities. The large, formal rooms feature crown moldings and ceiling fans with remote controls. There is a large living room, formal dining room and a beautiful kitchen as well as 2 spacious bedrooms and 2 full baths. Separate entrance and porch. Dir.: Rt. 65 to Walnut St., L. on Henry Ave. or Beaver St. to Walnut, R. on Henry. \$289,900	SEWICKLEY 708 Hopkins St. - Located in the Village area, this home offers a terrific view of both the town and the river valley. This home is spacious and nicely remodeled featuring 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. There is a large living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room and an eat-in kitchen. Other features include handsome pine floors and new windows plus 2 covered porches and a terraced garden area. Dir.: From Village, take Broad St. to R. on Hopkins St. \$158,900	SEWICKLEY 250 Thorn St. - This grand home is centrally located in the Village and features 4 spacious bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The first floor offers a large living room, formal dining room, a well-equipped kitchen and a family room. There is a new roof and a pretty, covered front porch. Large level lot and great location. Dir.: Beaver St. to Little St., R. on Thorn, home on L. \$400,000
SEWICKLEY 601 Centennial Avenue - Pretty renovated home in convenient central Village location. This sunny home features 2 bedrooms on the upper level. There is a living room, den and kitchen on the first floor. There are ceramic and hardwood floors. Large courtyard for summer evenings. Dir.: N. on Rt. 65, R. on Broad St., R. on Centennial Ave. \$159,000 <small>(604, 606 & 608 Mulberry and 603 Centennial also available for viewing)</small>	EDGEWORTH 735 Chestnut Rd. - This charming farmhouse style home is situated on a large lot with woods to the rear. Some features of this wonderful home include 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. There is also a comfortable living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, updated eat-in-kitchen, family room with a fireplace and a separate den on the first floor. The covered front porch and fenced rear yard add to the appeal of this home. Integral garage and more. Dir.: Beaver Rd. to R. onto Chestnut, up hill to home on L. \$129,000	SEWICKLEY 911 Thorn St. - Located in the Village, this three story Victorian has much to offer. Some features of this home include a new, well-equipped kitchen, a large living room, formal dining room, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. There is also a rear staircase, original pine floors and new windows. The wonderful wrap around porch and fenced yard add charm to this home. Dir.: Broad St. to Thorn St. \$389,000
LEET TOWNSHIP This charming one story cottage style home offers a huge great room with vaulted, beamed ceilings and skylights. There are three bedrooms and an updated bath. Equipped kitchen. New roof. 3 car garage and more. Situated on 1.7 acre lot just minutes from Sewickley Village. \$160,000	BELL ACRES This spacious contemporary style home offers great living space and is bright and inviting. Features include 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. There is also an office, large game room and a loft area. All of this situated on a beautiful tiered lot on a pretty lined street. Only minutes from Sewickley Village. Call for additional details or to make an appointment. \$499,000	ROSS TOWNSHIP Make an appointment to see this nice two story brick home situated on a pretty landscaped lot close to shopping and downtown Pittsburgh. Features of this home include a large living room, 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors throughout, plaster walls and newer windows. Integral garage. Asking \$129,500



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HOME OF THE WEEK

Nature provides inspirational setting

Idyllically situated in one of Sewickley Heights' hollows, this stone and frame home is the perfect complement to its natural surroundings.

The seven acres on Backbone Road include a large lawn, several planting beds and a wooded hillside. Stone retaining walls surround the house.

A pond, with its 20-foot waterfall cascading down the hillside is located in the rear of the house and can be enjoyed from one of the many decks, as well as from the kitchen and great room.

Marble is used throughout the home on the floors and countertops and in decorative touches.

Custom-made stained glass windows, though not included in the price but are negotiable, are the highlight of the dining room, foyer and great room.

The use of various ceiling designs, including cathedral, turret and tray make each room unique. Skylights add accent as well.

The large kitchen, located off the great room, has custom bleached oak cabinetry, a working island and all new appliances.

Large windows and skylights provide ample light in this great entertaining space.

A large sunroom, with its turret ceiling, is surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows.

One of the many decks can be accessed from this room. A den is located just off the foyer and has its own wet bar.

The first floor master suite includes a marble bath, walk-in closet and a dressing room.

Three additional bedrooms



THE BACKYARD waterfall cascades from the hillside with sounds that encourage relaxation.

and a full bath are located on the second floor.

The fully finished basement includes one of the best wine cellars in Sewickley. It features built-in redwood racking with 2,500 bottle storage capacity, as

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MARKET WATCH

Who's buying who's selling in the valley

Aleppo: Estate of Paul Ribar Jr. sold property at 141 Ferndale Ave. to William Petrie III for \$54,500; Minnock Construction Co. sold property at Sewickley Ridge Circle to MGM Custom Properties for \$37,900.

Bell Acres: Albert Biegenwald sold property at 118 Young Road to Susan Patterson for \$5,000.

Leet: Antonette Roppo sold property at 100 Kenney Dr. to Phyllis Zipparo for \$175,400.

Leetsdale: Ronald Killen sold property at Beaver St. to William and Rose Pugliano for \$150,000.

Osborne: George Kipilo Jr. sold property at 206 Osborne Lane to Laura Mitchell McGarry for \$139,000.

Sewickley: Harry Fink sold property at 722 Broad St. to Heather Wildman and Sean Floyd for \$225,000; Dorothy Routman trustee sold property at 340 Duquesne Way to John Lounder et al. and Paula Lounder for \$110,000.

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105 HIVE LANE
Experience the joy of one-level living in this country chateau, surrounded by three plus acres of nature, yet convenient to shopping and all major routes. A sunken, cathedral ceiling, great room with a towering stone fireplace greets each visitor. Formal dining room and enormous equipped, eat-in, gathering kitchen. Two large bedrooms and generous size bedrooms with king size closets. A rear sun porch and gardeners green house are also part of this home's unique style. Large two-car garage with room for tools and workbenches. Call today for all the additional details.
David Dean 412-741-2200 **\$230,000**

PRISTINE COLONIAL
Meticulously maintained newer two-story Colonial in a cul-de-sac setting. Hardwood entry leading to the generous formal living room, dining room, professional oak kitchen with adjacent deck and family room with a fireplace. Master bedroom with double walk-in closets and spa-like bathroom. Four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Two car attached garage and beautiful, secluded yard. A great value, call today.
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OSBORNE DUTCH COLONIAL
Handsome brick Dutch Colonial in the heart of the Village. Loaded with original hardwood and detail. Large airy living room with fireplace, formal dining room and equipped kitchen on the main level. Three bedrooms on the second level. Wonderful covered side porch and level yard. New furnace and central air conditioning. A gracious home on a less traveled street close to all the Village amenities.
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213 PILGRIM DRIVE
Great new construction in Sewickley. Wonderful floor plan with large rooms. Welcoming front porch to center hall foyer, living room and formal dining room, equipped center island, gathering kitchen adjacent to the family room with a fireplace. Four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Tons of storage and a two car garage. Nice yard and great views. Just built, this home is loaded with all of today's amenities and quick access to the Village. Call today.
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101 GROUSE LANE
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Guen Larson 412-741-2200 **\$349,000**

VILLAGE VICTORIAN
Sensitively renovated and updated Victorian in the heart of Sewickley's Village. Great welcoming entry with a bright living room with mantle and formal dining room with mantle. Nicely designed kitchen and powder room. Ben on this level with deck for relaxation. New master bedroom suite with lavish master bedroom with tub and separate shower, double sink and walk-in closet. Additional new bath on the second level with two bedrooms and a third floor with two bedrooms and a bathroom. A wonderful value and location for all the Village amenities.
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VILLAGE PERFECTION
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- Clerk of Courts - Passport services.

- Health Department - Fact sheet on Lyme disease, plumbing, pollution, prevention information, food and medication interactions and toxic release inventory program.

- Department of Human Services - Medical Assistance transportation program (reimbursement and Access), behavioral health, community services, mental services (mental retardation/developmental disabilities), drug/alcohol.

HOME TOUR

now available to attend an open house tour on Tuesday, June 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

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**Planning helps landscape flourish, property appreciate**

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one involved.

The more you identify your goals and familiarize yourself with your yard's features, current and proposed, the better your chances for success with your landscaping projects.

Selecting and Planting Trees and Shrubs

How you select your trees and shrubs and how you plant them will directly affect your home's comfort and energy efficiency. You can get information on regionally appropriate species from your local nursery and landscaping experts.

Trees and shrubs have a life span of many years and can become more attractive and functional with age. But poor planning of landscape improvements often creates trouble.

Ensure proper plant place-

ment and minimal maintenance before you plant.

Shape Characteristics

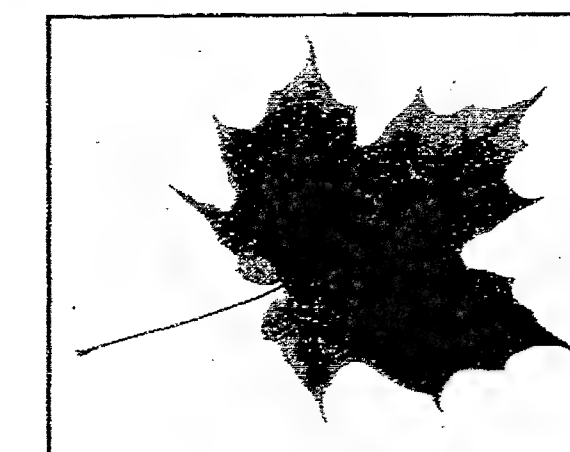
The density of a tree's leaves or needles is important to consider. Dense evergreens, like spruces, make great wind-breaks for winter winds.

If you are just looking to impede summer winds, choose a tree or shrub with more open branches and leaves. Such trees are also good for filtering morning sun from the east, while denser trees are better for blocking harsh afternoon summer sun.

Growth

Should you plant slow-growing or fast-growing tree species?

Although a slow-growing tree may require many years of growth before it shades your roof, it will generally live longer than a fast-growing tree.



Also, because slow-growing trees often have deeper roots and stronger branches, they are less prone to breakage by windstorms or heavy snow loads. And they can be more drought resistant.

Consider growth rate, strength, and brittleness when locating trees near walkways or structures. Ask whether the mature tree's root system is likely to damage sidewalks, foundations, or sewer lines.

The smaller your yard, the more important it is to select a tree with manageable roots.

Selecting and Purchasing

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For those plants close to your house, plan for at least 1 foot (30 centimeters) of extra clearance between the full-grown shrub and the wall of the home. This will prevent heavy pruning or damage to home siding.

After considering the placement of your trees and consulting nursery professionals, go back to your drawings or plans and add the new information on species, shape and mature-size

spacing. This provides a final, pre-purchase review.

When you are ready to purchase your trees and shrubs, thoroughly inspect the bark, limbs, and roots to make sure the plant was handled carefully during growing, digging and shipping. Reject plant stock with signs of insects or disease.

After you purchase the plants, be sure to keep tiny root hairs damp and shaded at all times. The plants will not survive if these root hairs are allowed to dry before planting.

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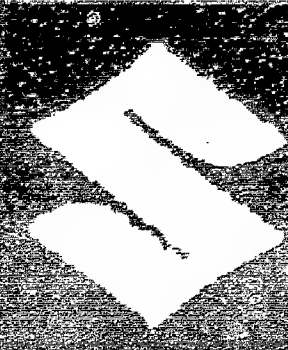
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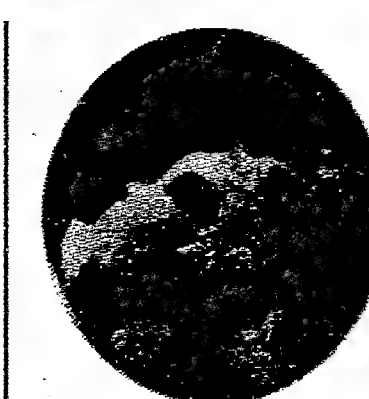
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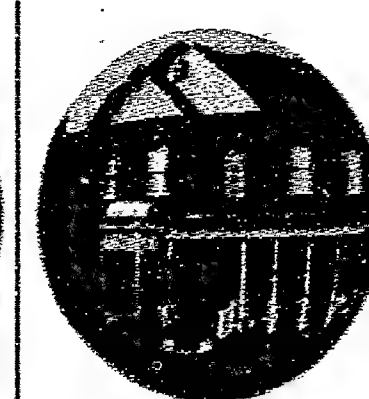
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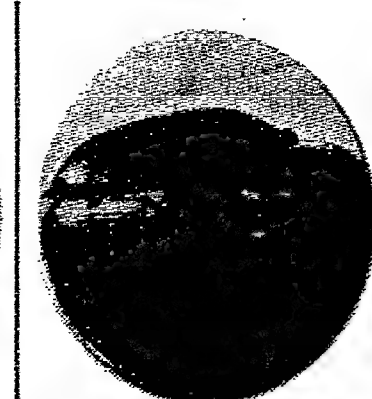
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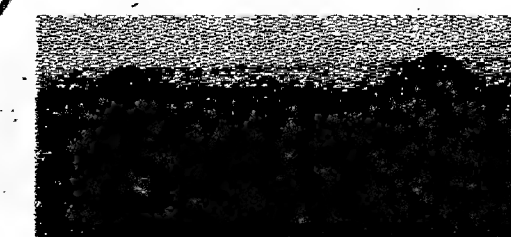
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Work for contract will commence on a written "Notice to Proceed" (NTP) from the Owner or his representative, and will be substantially complete no later than October 15, 2005.

Bids will be on a lump sum basis; award will be made based on the low base bid. Segregated bids will not be accepted.

THE PARKWAY WEST AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL will receive sealed Bids for both contracts until 10 a.m. prevailing time, Wednesday, July 6, 2005, in the BUSINESS OFFICE, 7101 STEUBENVILLE PIKE, OAKDALE, PA 15071, where they will be time and date stamped. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and read aloud immediately or shortly thereafter.

Bidding Documents may be available for review at the Architect's Office, and the following locations:

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MARIANNE WAGNER, BOARD SECRETARY
Parkway West Area Vocational-Tech School
(555 6-15, 6-22, 6-29-05, 3T)

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Zoning Hearing Board, Borough of Sewickley, will hear the following appeals and/or variances for the same on July 5, 2005 at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Gary Gladowski & Marilyn Mulvihill, owners, of the property at 213 Centennial Ave, Block & Lot # 508-J-245, in the R-1 Zoning District, propose to erect a 2 car garage and seek relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 207 Table 2 (Dimensional Requirements).

Mary Meriman, agent for the owner, The 700 Hopkins Street Partnership, of the property at 700 Hopkins St., Block & Lot # 421-B-367, in the R-1A Steep Slope Zoning District, proposes to erect a 2 car garage and seek relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 207 Table 2 (Dimensional Requirements).

Carpenter Construction, agent for the owner, Paul O'Neil, of the property at 632 Pine Rd., Block & Lot # 508-E-190, in the R-1 Zoning District, proposes to expand an existing garage and seeks relief from Chapter 27 of the Sewickley Code of Ordinances Part 2 Section 207 Table 2 (Dimensional Requirements).

People who wish to comment, may do so at the above scheduled public hearing. A copy of the Sewickley Borough

Zoning Code is available for public use at the Sewickley Public Library or at the Borough Manager's office. The Building Permit application is available for review at the Office of Building Inspections.

Michael M. Lyons
Zoning Hearing Board
Borough of Sewickley
(550 6-15, 6-22-05, 2T)

PUBLIC NOTICE - PERMIT RENEWAL

Pursuant to the (Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rules and Regulations and Clean Streams Law), notice is hereby given that:

William J. Kisow
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(516 6-8, 6-15, 6-22, 6-29-05, 4T)

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Borough of Sewickley Heights will meet on Thursday, July 7, 2005, at 5:00 P.M., at the Borough Hall, Country Club Road.

The Planning Commission will consider the following:

The Anderson Revocable Land Trust Plan, a subdivision of property into two lots by Raymond P. Parker, Trustee, on Pink House Road.

The Frank V. Cahouet Subdivision Plan, a lot-line modification between two lots by Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Cahouet on Pink House Road.

The Lesondak Plan of Lots, being a unification of property into one lot by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald G. Lesondak on Glen Mitchell Road.

The Planning Commission may consider other matters.

The Borough of Sewickley Heights
By: William P. Rohe
Borough Manager/Secretary
(577 6-22, 6-29-05, 2T)

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Robt T. Grimm
Township Manager
(574 6-22, 6-29-05, 2T)

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Notice is hereby given that the Edgeworth Zoning Hearing Board ("Board") will conduct a public hearing on July 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Edgeworth Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143 concerning the following matter:

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Martin C. McDaniel
Borough Manager/Zoning Officer
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Patrick J. Berdine
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(589 6-22-05, 1T)

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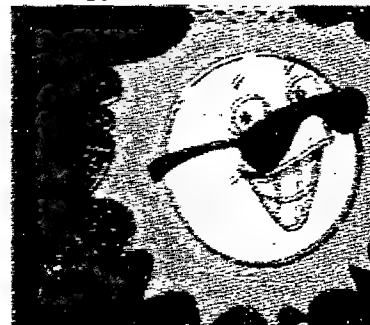
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Are You Looking For Positive Employees?

Survey reveals top workplace time-wasters

(NAPSI)-Imagine a workplace where there's always a full week's worth of important tasks to do, but the employees can't get started until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Although that may sound far-fetched, it's similar to how workers worldwide assessed their personal productivity in a recent online survey sponsored by Microsoft Corp.

Responses to the Microsoft Office Personal Productivity Challenge (PPC) from more than 38,000 people in 200 countries showed that, on average, workers spend about 17 hours of their typical 45-hour work week in unproductive activities.

The top time-waster among U.S. workers is procrastination, cited by 42 percent of respondents, followed by lack of team communication at 39 percent and ineffective meetings at 34 percent.

Other common struggles include managing e-mail and accessing important information while away from the office, keeping notes and other documents organized, and prioritizing demands on employees' time.

Along with these challenges, the survey responses also showed that technology has a strong influence on workers' productivity.

That's no surprise to Dr. Larry Baker, a 25-year veteran in the time-management field, who helped Microsoft develop the PPC assessment.

"Computer-based communication has dramatically quickened the pace of business," Baker said.

Baker offered some suggestions for using technology, such as using the tools provided in Microsoft Office 2003, to overcome common time-wasting activities and be more productive:



- Block unwanted e-mail by using anti-spam filtering tools, and prioritize other messages with the help of software tools such as search folders, quick flags, reminders and alerts.
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- Stay connected while on the go through the use of mobile computing

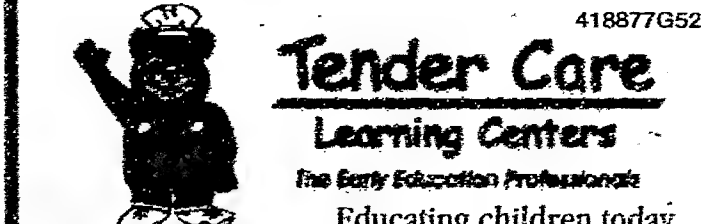
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"Everyone has heard the cautionary tale about how a swimming pool can actually lower your home's resale value because it creates lots of work for the next owner," says Keith Hahn of Handyman Connection, one of the nation's largest home-improvement companies. "The story endures because it's a great example of how some home improvements, no matter how luxurious, can backfire when it's time to sell."

When an upgrade simply has to pay off, Hahn suggests

avoiding renovations that buyers will view as burdens-elaborate décor or landscaping, swimming pools, skylights and more. "That beautiful Victorian stenciling in your dining room will be a problem if a buyer has modern tastes," he says. In general, renovations uniquely reflecting personality or taste will not appeal to most buyers.

Instead, focus on renovations that will save buyers work and illustrate a commitment to regular maintenance. Upgrade kitchen fixtures and appliances. Install new bathroom faucets and toilet seats, clean the grout and replace old caulking. But keep it simple. While these small improvements will immediately pay for themselves, Hahn says a big project, such as adding a bathroom, is a poor short-term investment.

Other upgrades should focus on improving curb appeal. A new front door can modernize the



Simple home improvements can make a big difference in the sale price.

whole house. Looking to disguise an unattractive exterior outlook? Try installing window boxes or hanging flower baskets. Inside the house, spending a day touching up chipped paint or tightening wobbly cabinet hardware costs almost nothing but will pay off big on closing

day. "Buyers want to move in and enjoy their new homes, not repair them," says Hahn.

A thorough interior cleaning can also increase perceived value. Remove clutter throughout the house. Shampoo the carpets. Dry clean the drapes. Wash the windows. Make sure faucets sparkle. And don't forget to organize closets and cabinets. "You'll be surprised where buyers will try to peek when touring a home," says Hahn.

Finally, Hahn says, step back and take an objective look at your home. "If anything uniquely reflects the trends of the early 1970s, you can bet that a potential buyer is going to see it as an immediately necessary upgrade," he adds.

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1. Safety First. Safety is important when maintaining your equipment, so never attempt to fix your mower while the engine is on. Be sure to remove the spark plug to avoid accidental blade engagement. Faulty spark plugs are often the reason for engine problems so always keep the spark plug clean and a spare in your toolbox. A new plug every spring will keep your mower running smoothly and only costs around two dollars at your local hardware store.

2. Keep it Sharp. To ensure a healthy lawn, you should inspect, sharpen and balance the mower blade every two months to ensure that your grass is getting the cut it deserves. Be sure to discard and replace cracked or broken blades. A sharp blade not only makes mowing



easier, it's also kinder to the grass. Dull mower blades don't cut grass; they tear it, rip it and shred it. Grass suffering from physical damage and abuse becomes weak as it is always striving to repair itself.

Never attempt to sharpen the blade while it is still attached to the mower. The blade can usually be taken off by loosening a single bolt and always remove any debris before sharpening. Use a bench grinder or a hand file to sharpen the blade, or take it to your local hardware store to have it sharpened for under \$10.

3. Fresh Fuel. Whether you are running a brand new machine or a

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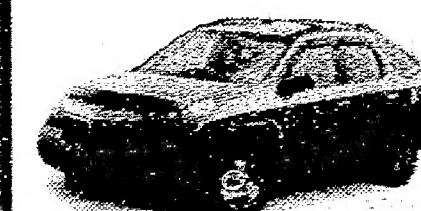
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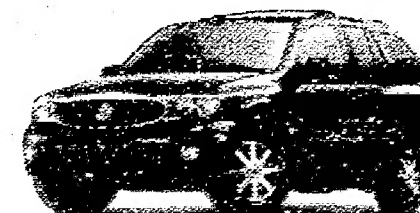
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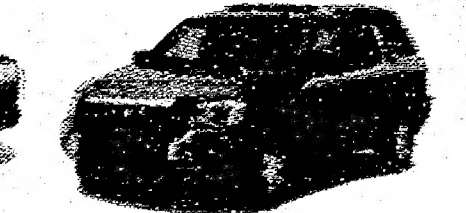
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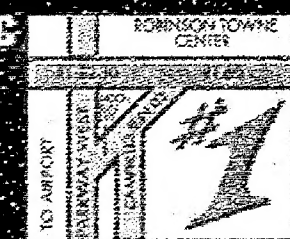
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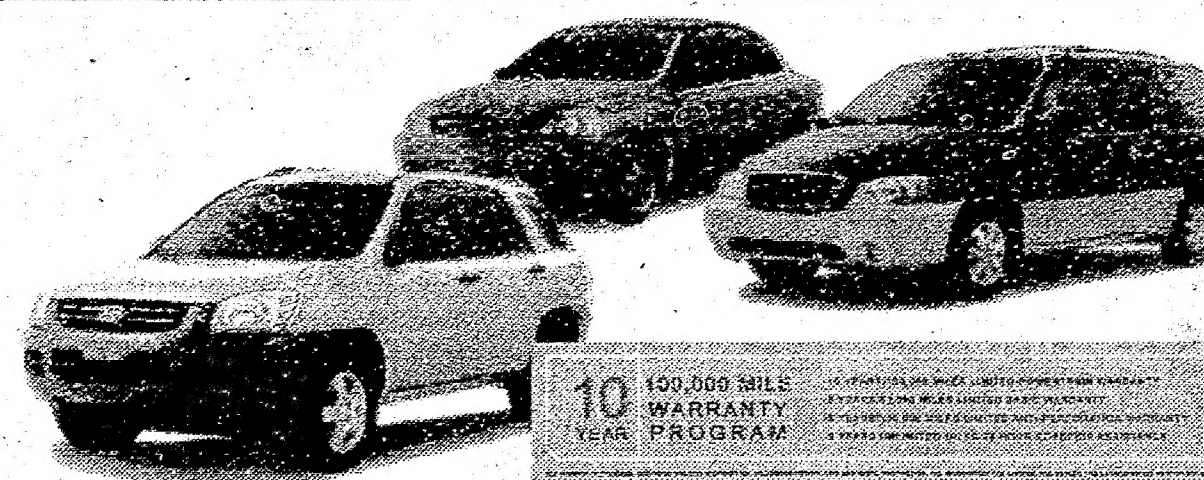
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